

The Obama Timeline – Part II

The Doomed Presidency

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On July 1 the interest rate on federal student loans increase. According to DailyCaller.com, “Undergraduate Stafford loans, the cheapest offered, will raise from 3.86 percent interest to 4.66 percent. Graduate Stafford loans will go up to 6.21 percent from 5.41 percent, and the most expensive PLUS loans will rise from 6.41 percent to 7.21 percent. For every \$10,000 in student loans taken out, that’s an extra \$80 a year in interest. The increase is due to a rising rate of return on U.S. Treasury bills, to which the loans are now pegged.” [61080]

The *Las Vegas Review-Journal* reports the June 30th death of Linda Rolain, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor in early 2014 but was unable to receive treatment because of ObamaCare enrollment problems. “Robert Rolain alleges his wife’s tumor went from treatable in winter to fatal in spring as the couple fought for coverage. Linda Rolain was admitted to hospice care in early June.” Local insurance broker Pat Casale states, “This poor lady was told in January that she needed immediate attention. Her doctor said if she had begun treatment in March, he might been able to give her quality of care, and she might have lived longer. She had no chance because of the delay. Ms. Rolain should have had coverage in January. [The Rolains] did everything they could to facilitate the acquisition of a health plan. She suffered and she died all because of the negligence of [an ObamaCare] vendor [Nevada Health Co-Op] who should not even be in the industry.” [61241, 61242]

Congressman Luis “One Note Samba” Gutierrez (D-IL) appears on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe* and claims Obama has the power to take many actions with regard to the border crisis. Gutierrez says, “If [Republicans] want to come back and discuss this, fine, but in the interim period, I believe [Obama] has, already in statute, in the law, the ability to heal and put in a safe harbor millions of undocumented immigrants while the Congress of the United States finally decides that it’s going to take action.” Gutierrez claims Obama can grant amnesty to illegal immigrant spouses of members of the U.S. Armed Forces: “[Obama] can simply parole them in place and say, ‘You know what? On with your lives. Here is your green card and move forward. ...So, there are many things [Obama] can do. Just as Republicans have said, ‘No, no, no,’ I expect [Obama] to be broad and expansive and generous in the use of his prosecutorial discretion.” (Obama’s plan is simple. He will implement as many executive orders as he can, even if they are unconstitutional, because he knows Congress lacks the courage to impeach him. Republicans will object but do nothing, and the Democrat candidates will spend their campaigns portraying the Republicans as racists, in an effort to gin up the Hispanic vote on November 4.) Amnesty proponent Gutierrez has previously introduced legislation calling for an end to the E-Verify employee verification program and argues that there is no need for more Border Patrol agents. Gutierrez has also been on the FBI’s radar for his ties to corrupt, indicted,

and convicted real estate developer Calvin Boender. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, “Boender loaned Gutierrez \$200,000 months before the congressman began pushing [Chicago Mayor Richard M.] Daley to support Boender’s venture.” Gutierrez has stated, “I have only one loyalty and that’s to the immigrant community.” (It is unclear what priority, if any, he gives to his oath to defend the U.S. Constitution.) [7179, 10857, 10858, 10859, 10860, 10877 10924, 19826, 19834, 19845, 19855, 19856, 19857, 19865, 19911, 19947, 61079, 61096, 61144, 62306]

Obama convenes his cabinet—something he almost never does—to ask them to come up with creative ways for him to get around Congress with executive orders and administrative actions. Obama says, “We’re going to have to be creative about how we can make real progress. The people who sent us here, they just don’t feel as if anybody is fighting for them or working for them. We’re not always going to be able to get things through Congress... but we sure as heck can make sure that the folks back home know that we are pushing their agenda and that we’re working hard on their behalf.” [61101]

The Associated Press reports, “The Veterans Affairs Department is apologizing to a Massachusetts woman for offering an appointment to her husband almost two years after he died. Suzanne Chase, of Acton, [Massachusetts] tells WBZ-TV... her Vietnam veteran husband, Doug, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2011. In 2012, she tried to move his medical care to the VA hospital in Bedford. They waited four months and never heard anything. He died in August 2012. Suzanne Chase says two weeks ago she got a letter addressed to her husband, saying he could call to make an appointment. She says the VA had to know her husband was dead because she applied for funeral benefits and was denied. The department said in a statement: ‘We regret any distress our actions caused to the veteran’s widow and family.’” [61103, 61104]

It is worth noting that, as a U.S. Senator, Obama served on the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. (During that period the Walter Reed Army Medical Center scandal erupted. There is no possible way Obama could have entered the White House without knowing of the many problem at VA hospitals—unless he ignored warnings from the Bush administration and learned nothing from serving on the VA oversight committee.) [61244, 61245]

Hillary Clinton’s book, *Hard Choices*, falls to number 43 at Amazon.com, far behind *The Fault In Our Stars* (ranked number 1), *10-Day Green Smoothie Cleanse* (number 2), and *Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. the Obamas* (number 6). [61107, 61492]

Comedienne Joan Rivers is asked by a reporter if the nation will see the first gay or woman president. Rivers replies, “Well, we already have it with Obama. So, let’s just calm down. ... You know, Michelle [Obama] is a tranny.” asked to explain, she responds, “A transgender. We all know. ... It’s okay.” In a subsequent interview, Rivers says, “I think it’s a compliment. She’s [Michelle Obama is] so attractive, tall, with a beautiful body, great face, does great makeup. Take a look and go back to [the musical with transgender actors] *La Cage Aux Folles*. The most gorgeous women are transgender. Stop

it already... and if you want to talk about ‘politically correct,’ I think this is a ‘politically incorrect’ attack on me because I’m old, Jewish, a woman and a ‘hetty’—a heterosexual... and I plan to sue the reporter who, when he turned off his camera, tried to touch me inappropriately on the ass. Luckily he hit my ankle. Read the book [*Diary of a Mad Diva*]... if you think that’s silly, wait until you see what I say about FDR and Eleanor!” [61196, 61218, 61230, 61253, 61258]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, “The recent decision by an obscure administrative law board to cancel the Washington Redskins’ trademark registrations came despite the fact the agency hadn’t received a single letter from a member of the public complaining about the team’s name, records show. ...Politicians, including ...Obama, have waded into the team name controversy, with many saying the team should change its name. But despite widespread media attention and a legal fight that goes back more than a decade, the [U.S. Patent and Trademark Office] recently acknowledged there’s hardly been an avalanche of public complaints filed with the agency. In fact, the agency doesn’t have any record of correspondence from the public about the Redskins’ name—expressing sentiments one way or another—prior to the board’s June 18 ruling.” (At the same time the Obama administration works to force a football team to give up its name, it is pushing legislation that would confiscate land in the south unit of the Badlands National Park, forcing some members of the Oglala Sioux and Lakota Sioux to relocate and lose grazing fees and their share of park admission fees. At CanadaFreePress.com Patrick Henningsen writes, “The Congressional bill has already been written, and if passed through Congress, both tribal members and non tribal members will be stripped of their deeded land—at a price set by the federal government. If owners do not accept Washington’s offer (expected to be a meager one), the land can be acquired at no cost because the measure has waived all appraisal rights and stipulates that Washington can simply take Indian land by force under ‘ eminent domain.’”) [61130, 61842, 61843]

Speaking at the “Aspen Ideas Festival,” Hillary Clinton comments—in error—on the Hobby Lobby ruling: “It’s very troubling that a salesclerk at Hobby Lobby who needs contraception, which is pretty expensive, is not going to get that service through her employer’s health-care plan because her employer doesn’t think she should be using contraception.” (First, contraceptives are *not* “pretty expensive. Second, Hobby Lobby is not telling anyone not to use contraceptives; it is merely saying it does not want to pay for abortifacients—which generally function by preventing a fertilized egg from attaching itself to the uterine wall. To not pay others to buy something is not to deny their access to it.) Clinton adds, “It is a disturbing trend that you see in a lot of societies that are very unstable, anti-democratic, and frankly prone to extremism, where women and women’s bodies are used as the defining and unifying issue... because of their religion, their sect, their tribe, whatever.” (BizPacReview.com notes, “it was Hillary’s own husband, President Bill Clinton, who signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in 1993 [on which the Hobby Lobby decision was partly based], so it’s a fair bet she didn’t kick about it at the time. [Nancy Pelosi co-sponsored the legislation.] That was all of 20 years ago, though, back when Democrats actually had to pretend they believed in religious freedom to get elected. Even with her eyes on 2016, Hillary’s not bothering with that anymore.”

Further, it is the Democrats who are using “women’s bodies” as a “defining and unifying issue.”) [61133, 61181, 61403]

TheHill.com reports, “The United States has sent Apache attack helicopters to Iraq as part of the buildup in U.S. military personnel, the Pentagon said Tuesday. Officials would not say how many of the armed helicopters have been sent to the country, stating only that they will be based in Baghdad and could assist with evacuations of American personnel. The Pentagon also sent over additional surveillance drones.” [61136]

Obama uses the Key Bridge in Washington, D.C. as a backdrop for a call for more spending on infrastructure projects. (Federal spending in 2009 was \$3.457 trillion; about 23 percent of that, or \$787 billion, was Obama’s “stimulus spending.” Obama does not explain why that spending on allegedly “shovel ready” projects” did not address the major problems with the nation’s bridges and roads.) Obama says, “We could do so much more if we just rallied around an economic patriotism, a sense that our job is to get things done as one nation and as one people.” (Obama has used the phrase “economic patriotism” in the past. It is a term that means nothing and at the same time means different things to different people. His hidden message is: “If you don’t agree with my spending plans, you are unpatriotic.”) The arrogant and petulant Obama also says, “As long as they [Republicans] insist on taking no action whatsoever that will help anybody, I’m going to keep on taking actions on my own that can help the middle class, like the actions I’ve already taken to speed up construction projects and attract new manufacturing jobs and lift workers’ wages and help students pay off their student loans. Middle-class families can’t wait for Republicans in Congress to do stuff. So sue me. As long as they’re doing nothing, I’m not going to apologize for trying to do something.” (Obama runs a risk in continually threatening to issue executive orders and act without Congress: increasing numbers of Democrats might not bother to vote on November 4, believing it does not matter if the GOP captures the Senate because Obama can “act around” Republicans anyway. Additionally, Obama seems increasingly indifferent about his job. The reaction of some Democrats may be, “If he doesn’t care about anything but golf and planning his retirement, why should I make an effort to help him?”) [61108, 61109, 61126, 61127, 61128, 61129, 61143, 61184, 61209]

DailyCaller.com writes, “While Americans get ready for the thousands of fireworks shows that will be occurring across the country this weekend, Republicans are warning that pending federal water regulations could ruin fireworks displays next year. The Environmental Protection Agency is trying to expand its authority under the Clean Water Act. Republicans warn that the agency’s proposal to expand the definition of ‘waters of the United States’ could allow the EPA to regulate bodies of water on private property. Republicans are now warning that EPA water rules could threaten fireworks by allowing environmental activists to sue and shut down shows across the country.” (For safety reason, fireworks are often exploded over bodies of water—but the EPA and environmentalists are increasingly claiming that such displays violate the Clean Waters Act.) [61121]

WND.com reports, “True the Vote, the citizens initiative pursuing ‘free and fair elections for all Americans,’ and 13 other plaintiffs have filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Mississippi Secretary of State and the Republican Party of Mississippi over the June 24 primary election runoff in which Sen. Thad Cochran edged tea-party challenger Chris McDaniel. The lawsuit asks the court to grant immediate access to voting records to inspect for possible illegal voting. It asserts that ‘defendants failed to properly abide by federal election record maintenance and open records provisions codified in the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA). Records made partially available to the plaintiffs indicated ‘double-voting’ from Democratic to Republican primaries—potentially diluting votes in violation of the Equal Protection Clause.’ ...McDaniel won the June 3 state GOP primary with a margin too small (about 1,500 votes) to avoid a runoff. Cochran won the runoff with 7,000 votes, allegedly by convincing thousands of black Democrats to cross over and vote for him in the runoff. ...The McDaniel campaign has been considering a legal challenge since the day of the runoff. McDaniel alleges that Democrats made thousands of illegal crossover votes in the runoff, having already voted in the Democratic primary. Two days after the runoff, he reported having found over 1,000 votes in Hinds County alone—the state capital seat—in which voters allegedly voted in the Democrat primary, then crossed over to vote in the GOP runoff.” (There are also allegations—and some evidence—that the Cochran campaign broke the law by paying blacks \$15 each to vote for him. There are estimates that Cochran would have lost to McDaniel by about eight percent had black Democrats not voted in the GOP primary.) [61112, 61124, 61157, 61476]

At FoxNews.com Todd Starnes reports, “A government-contracted security force threatened to arrest doctors and nurses if they divulged any information about the contagion threat at a refugee camp housing illegal alien children at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, sources say. In spite of the threat, several former camp workers broke their confidentiality agreements and shared exclusive details with me about the dangerous conditions at the camp. They said taxpayers deserve to know about the contagious diseases and the risks the children pose to Americans. I have agreed to not to disclose their identities because they fear retaliation and prosecution. ‘There were several of us who wanted to talk about the camps, but the agents made it clear we would be arrested,’ a psychiatric counselor told me. ‘We were under orders not to say anything.’ ...She said the workers were stripped of their cellphones and other communication devices. Anyone caught with a phone was immediately fired. ‘Everyone was paranoid,’ she said. ‘The children had more rights than the workers.’ She said children in the camp had measles, scabies, chicken pox and strep throat as well as mental and emotional issues. It was not a good atmosphere in terms of health,’ she said. ‘I would be talking to children and lice would just be climbing down their hair.’ A former nurse at the camp told me she was horrified by what she saw. ‘We have so many kids coming in that there was no way to control all of the sickness—all this stuff coming into the country,’ she said. ‘We were very concerned at one point about strep [throat] going around the base.’ Both the counselor and the nurse said their superiors tried to cover up the extent of the illnesses.” [61113, 61149]

“...[A] nurse told me she became especially alarmed because their files indicated the children had been transported to Lackland on domestic charter buses and airplanes. ‘That’s what alerted me,’ she said. ‘Oh, my God. They’re flying these kids around. Nobody knows that these children have scabies and lice. To tell you the truth, there’s no way to control it.’ I don’t mean to upset anyone’s Independence Day vacation plans, but were these kids transported to the camps before or after they were deloused? Anyone who flies the friendly skies could be facing a public health concern. The counselor told me the refugee camp resembled a giant emergency room—off limits to the public. ‘They did not want the community to know,’ she said. ‘I initially spoke out at Lackland because I had a concern the children’s mental health care was not being taken care of.’ She said the breaking point came when camp officials refused to hospitalize several children who were suicidal. ...She said she filed a Child Protective Services report and quit her job. ‘I didn’t want to lose my license if this kid committed suicide,’ she told me. ‘I was done.’ The counselor kept a detailed journal about what happened during her tenure at the facility. ‘When people read that journal they are going to be astonished,’ she said. ‘I don’t think they will believe what is going on in America.’ So it was not a great surprise, she said, when she received a call from federal agents demanding that she return to the military base and hand over her journal. She said she declined to do so. ‘I didn’t go back to Lackland,’ she said. Both workers told me while they have no regrets, they want to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals. ‘They’re going to crush the system,’ the nurse told me. ‘We can’t sustain this. They are overwhelming the system and I think it’s a travesty.’” (Some will certainly argue that the crisis is Obama’s implementation of the Cloward-Piven strategy: create a crisis that overwhelms the system, and then use that crisis to impose even more government.) [61113, 61149, 61177]

Near San Diego, California, Department of Homeland Security buses carrying illegal immigrants are forced to take another route when protesters block them from dropping them off at a processing center. According to the Associated Press, “The standoff in Murrieta came after Mayor Alan Long urged residents to complain to elected officials about the plan to transfer the Central American migrants to California to ease overcrowding of facilities along the Texas-Mexico border. Many protesters held U.S. flags, while others held signs reading ‘stop illegal immigration,’ and ‘illegals out!’ ‘We can’t start taking care of others if we can’t take care of our own,’ protester Nancy Greyson, 60, of Murrieta, told the Desert Sun newspaper. ...After the buses were blocked, federal authorities rerouted the vehicles to a freeway and then to a customs and border facility in San Diego within view of the Mexico border.” Some protesters chant, “U.S.A.!” “Impeach Obama!” and “Deport, Deport!” (In media reports on the story, CBS calls the illegal immigrants “illegal immigrants.” ABC calls them “migrants,” and NBC calls them “undocumented immigrants.” The *Today* program’s Matt Lauer refers to the illegal immigrants as “refugee riders.” None of the networks call them what they are: “taxpayer burdens.”) [61114, 61116, 61117, 61134, 61137, 61147, 61148, 61167, 61173]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments on border security: “You start with a fence. It’s very simple. People say, ‘Oh, fences don’t work. You make a ladder.’ Well, then you build two fences, triple strand fences. San Diego did that in the mid 90s and within a decade, the illegal immigration rate at that

point was reduced by 90 percent and people ended up going through other places like Arizona. If fences don't work, why is there one around the White House? If they don't work, why is it that the Israeli fence which separates Israel from the West Bank has cut down terror attacks within Israel by 99 percent? Fences work. Yes, there are parts of the border where you can't have a fence, fine. So you don't have it in those areas and you do heavy patrols. But there is no reason why a rich country like us [sic; ours] cannot put a fence across—a double fence, a triple fence and patrol it all the time. That would have a tremendous impact.” [61248]

The Department of Defense hosts a Ramadan Iftar dinner at the Pentagon. (Pamela Geller notes that Muslims make only about 0.1 percent of the U.S. Armed Forces, yet the Obama administration feels obligated to honor their religion—while it orders chaplains to cover up crosses.) [61118]

On July 2 Texas Governor Rick Perry appears on *Fox & Friends* and issues Obama a challenge: “If he doesn't come to the border, I think it's a real reflection of his lack of concern of what's really going on there. ...If [Obama] is really serious about securing that border, we can show him how to do that. But I haven't even had a phone call from [him]. The real issue, from my perspective, is this message that has come out of this administration for too many years that, ‘Come on up and cross the border and you can become a United States citizen.’ That has been, by their actions and probably by their rhetoric, a message that has been sent out. ...I would suggest the diplomatic reach with foreign aid to the leaders of those countries and basically say, ‘You will engage in stopping this traffic coming up through your country, and if you don't, this foreign aid is going to stop.’ That is a boycott I could support.” Obama does have plans to visit Texas—but to attend three Democrat fundraisers in Dallas and Austin, not to visit the border. White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama “has a very good sense of what's happening on the border. He's getting regular updates from his officials who have traveled to that region.” (Whether that means, “Obama is afraid of contracting tuberculosis or scabies” is not clear. What it likely means is that Obama does not dare visit the border without proposing a solution to solve the problem—and he does not have a solution.) [61190, 61204, 61206, 61212, 61231]

White House press secretary John Earnest responds, “I think the most effective way that Governor Perry can help, if that's what he says he wants to do, would be to pick up the phone and call the Republican members of the House of Representatives that represent the state of Texas and tell them to support the bipartisan proposal to reform our immigration system that passed through the Senate.” (The Senate bill is essentially amnesty legislation. It would not only not stop illegal border crossings, it would encourage even more.) Earnest says, “Parents should not put their children in the hands of criminals to transport them to the Southwest border with the expectation that they'll be welcomed into the country. They won't.” (Earnest is wrong. They may not be welcomed by most Americans, but they will be welcomed by the Department of Homeland Security and bused to the cities where their illegal immigrant relatives live.) [61206]

WashingtonTimes.com reports that the Obama administration “has quietly granted a California wind energy farm a permit to kill a limited number of endangered bald and golden eagles that get sliced up in its giant turbines....[The] first-of-its-kind permit... allows a 50-turbine Northern California wind farm to kill up to five golden eagles over five years. ...Since the 1980s, wind turbines have killed an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 eagles, but the industry has paid only one fine...” American Bird Conservancy spokesman Bob Johns states, “If you or I get caught with an eagle feather, we’ve got some serious explaining to do. We’re going to pay a hefty fine. There’s no exception noted in the law for the wind industry. The notion that somehow they’re entitled when the law doesn’t provide for it is ridiculous.” [61256]

Congressman Jim Bridenstine (R-OK) reports that he was denied access to a facility at Fort Sill, Oklahoma that is being used to house as many as 1,200 unaccompanied alien children who illegally crossed the border into the United States. Bridenstine states, “There is no excuse for denying a Federal Representative from Oklahoma access to a federal facility in Oklahoma where unaccompanied children are being held. Any Member of Congress should have the legal authority to visit a federal youth detention facility without waiting three weeks. ...After my visit today with the base commander, I approached the barracks where the children are housed. A new fence has been erected by HHS [the Department of Health and Human Services], completely surrounding the barracks and covered with material to totally obscure the view. Every gate is chained closed. I approached a security guard and asked to speak with the manager of the facility. The guard called his supervisor who said no visitors were allowed. I asked if they were aware that I am a Member of Congress. Eventually the manager came out and said that I would have to go through HHS legislative affairs and that the first chance to visit would be July 21st. What are they trying to hide? Do they not want the children to speak with Members of Congress? As a Navy pilot, I have been involved in operations countering illicit human trafficking. I would like to know to whom these children are being released.” (Although the government may be classifying the children as “unaccompanied,” it is unlikely that any very young children are traveling without an adult or teenaged chaperone. No three-year-olds travel alone on a 1,700-mile journey across Mexico. However, there are likely a substantial number of teenagers under the age of 18 who may be traveling without a parent.) [61115, 61123, 61175, 61182]

Secretary of State John Kerry declares that the border crisis “is a very complicated issue, and it’s not a question of assigning blame. The only people to blame are the criminals who exploit young children.” (Whether Kerry realizes he is calling Obama a criminal is unclear.) “...[W]e obviously understand people who want to be able to do better and to look for a better life. But at the same time, there are rules of law, and there is a process, and there is false information that is being spread about benefits that might be available to these young people who are looking for that better life.” (Kerry acts as though Obama’s 2012 action to stop deporting young illegal immigrants is not a factor in the situation.) [61151]

According to a report by the Illinois Policy Institute, as noted by NationalReview.com, only 500 jobs were created in Illinois between August 2013 and May 2014—placing Illinois last among 50 states in job creation. While it was creating only 500 new jobs, Illinois was also shedding jobs; about 26,300 have been lost in the state since the year began. [61189]

Michelle Obama tells a group of school counselors in Florida, “Every student in this country needs some higher education, whether that’s two-year degree, a four-year degree, or professional training of some sort. ...And I have to tell you, when I found out that you all were making me an honorary school counselor, my first thought was, there is absolutely no way I’m worthy of this honor. Because I know that you all have one of the hardest, most stressful, most important and most under-appreciated jobs of anyone in this country... [M]y husband and I think that it’s time that we started giving our school counselors the recognition that you all deserve for the work that you do. So, as you may know, every year we honor the national Teacher of the Year at the White House. Well, starting next year, for the first time ever, we will also hold a White House ceremony honoring the School Counselor of the Year.” [61152]

A “ranking Pentagon official” tells DailyCaller.com the situation in Iraq is terrible: “The Pentagon is split and the administration is paralyzed. ...Joint Chiefs [of Staff] Chairman [Martin] Dempsey is an ass that yes man. We have congressional authority to use force for the Iraq War, as it never expired, but people are putting targeting packets through unnecessary bureaucracy to slow events to the point that—they hope—the situation is overcome by events. Bad call. So fucked. Reads like another chapter in [former Defense Secretary Robert] Gate’s book [*Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War*]. ...The professional staff says ‘Do it’ but State [Department] and CIA say ‘No,’ for political reasons. Once again split, like in Libya. Pentagon will never admit it. So fucked up. We should take limited action and generals who have no direct combat experience are making bad calls. ...Targeting packets for action are going through processes they don’t need [in order] to keep us from getting involved. They should be simple, but are being sent to the White House because the lawyers there are notorious for wasting time and looking for an excuse to say ‘No.’ [Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism] Lisa Monaco will waste time and say no if it’s a problem for Obama. We should have acted last week.” [61122]

As violence between Ukraine and Russia continues—and even escalates—Morning Jolt’s Jim Geraghty reminds readers of Obama’s June 5 statement: “We will have a chance to see what Mr. Putin does over the next two, three, four weeks, and if he remains on the current course, then we’ve already indicated the kinds of actions that we’re prepared to take.” (In other words, Obama would impose additional sanctions if Russia crossed a red line. Russia has.) On June 26, Secretary of State John Kerry said, “it is critical for Russia to show in the next hours, literally, that they are moving to help disarm the separatists.” (Russia did not.) Geraghty writes, “A failure by the West to act following such explicit rhetoric would be a craven surrender that would provoke only more Russian aggression. Yet so far the signs are not good. Despite promising to respond ‘without delay’ if its

ultimatum was not heeded, E.U. leaders on Tuesday reportedly postponed any response until next week. The Obama administration, for its part, is hiding behind the Europeans, saying it cannot move unless and until they do. That makes U.S. credibility contingent on accord among 28 nations, including Cyprus, Greece and several others friendly to Russia.” Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin warns, “I would like to make it clear to all: this country will continue to actively defend the rights of Russians, our compatriots abroad, using the entire range of available means—from political and economic to operations under international humanitarian law and the right of self-defense.” (In other words, “Don’t be surprised if I order Russian troops into Ukraine.”) Putin blames the conflict on “negative tendencies in international affairs that had been building up for years. We have long been warning about this, and unfortunately, our predictions came true.” [61135, 61153]

At the daily White House press briefing, reporters laugh at press secretary Josh Earnest when he suggests Obama is not considering politics when he criticizes Republicans for not passing comprehensive immigration reform legislation. (Some might ask why Obama even wants “comprehensive immigration reform,” considering that he seems willing to let anyone who wants to come to the United States enter illegally.) [61138]

The body of a 16-year-old Muslim boy, Mohammed Hussein Abu Khdeir (also reported as Khdair and Knudair) is found in the forest near East Jerusalem, after reports of a possible kidnapping. The mainstream media almost immediately reports that it was a Jewish revenge killing in response to the murder of three Israeli youths by Hamas. But i24news.tv reports, “Internal Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch said Wednesday security forces were [also] examining the possibility that [the] Palestinian teenager was murdered as part of a domestic issue or ‘honor killing.’” There were also reports of “previous attempts to carry out an abduction against the murdered boy’s family.” Secretary of State John Kerry issues a statement: “The United States condemns in the strongest possible terms the despicable and senseless abduction and murder of Muhammad Hussein Abu Khdeir. It is sickening to think of an innocent 17 year old boy snatched off the streets and his life stolen from him and his family. There are no words to convey adequately our condolences to the Palestinian people.” (Kerry and Obama made no such statement when the three Israeli teenagers were kidnapped; they apparently believe Israeli families deserve no condolences. Pamela Geller observes, “Hamas supporter Obama was silent for 18 days when three Jewish schoolboys were kidnapped by Hamas operatives. Silence in the face of pure evil. Now, jihad lackey John Kerry has rushed out a statement in the wake of the murder of Muhammad Hussein Abu Khdeir.”) [61158, 61159, 61163, 61183, 61270]

According to a Quinnipiac poll, Obama ranks last among all Oval Office occupants since World War II; 33 percent label Obama the worst leader’ George W. Bush is rated worst by 28 percent. Ronald Reagan is rated the best president, with 35 percent. Bill Clinton ranks first among 18 percent of those polled, and John F. Kennedy gets 15 percent. “Men say 43–36 percent that Obama is worse than Bush while women say 42–38 percent he is better. Obama is worse, Republicans say 79–7 percent and independent voters say 41–31

percent. Democrats say 78–4 percent that [Obama] is better. America would be better off if Republican Mitt Romney had won the 2012 presidential election, 45 percent of voters say, while 38 percent say the country would be worse off.” (The Media Research Center writes, “Following the release of the poll, Chuck Todd, NBC News’ Chief White House correspondent, Political Director and host of *The Daily Rundown*, dismissed the findings and argued ‘these great and worst lists, they’re terrible... because they always reflect the moment in time.’ In contrast, MSNBC struck a much different tone in 2006 when Quinnipiac found that President Bush was rated America’s worst modern President: ‘A new Quinnipiac poll sends a devastatingly stark message to the President. Thirty-four percent say that he’s the worst President in history.’”) [61139, 61146, 61155, 61176]

Pollster John Zogby tells WashingtonExaminer.com, “Mr. Obama finds himself in the uncomfortable position where every age group, independents, and whites all agree that the public has given up on his ability to accomplish anything before the end of his term. In short, we see [him] in full salvage mode. He is not only racing for his legacy but for his relevancy.” According to a Zogby poll, support for Obama “has dropped 2 points among men (44% to 42%); women 4 points (49% to 45%); 30–49 year olds (5 points, 51%–46%); Democrats (81% to 77%); independents 7 points (39% to 32%); liberals 7 points (83% to 76%); Hispanics 6 points (73% to 67%); African Americans 10 points (86% to 76%); and voters in union households 5 points (65% to 60%). Those more likely to be ashamed of [Obama] include Republicans (73%–11%) and conservatives (73%–11%); whites (46%–32%); both groups over 50 (50–64 year olds, 44%–39%, and those 65 and older (49%–36%).” [61140]

According to a Rasmussen poll 49 percent of Americans side with the Supreme Court’s Hobby Lobby decision and agree that a business owner should be able to opt out of Obamacare’s contraceptive mandate if it violates his or her religious beliefs; 39 percent oppose the Court’s ruling; 12 percent are undecided. [61170, 61171]

CNSNews.com reports, “The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), a federal agency tasked with enforcing workplace discrimination laws, is suing a private American business for firing a group of Hispanic and Asian employees over their inability to speak English at work, claiming that the English-language requirement in a U.S. business constitutes ‘discrimination.’ Judicial Watch reported Tuesday that the government is accusing Wisconsin Plastics, Inc. of violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on ‘national origin.’ The government argues this includes the ‘linguistic characteristics of a national origin group.’ Irene Garcia, the blog editor and Spanish media liaison for Judicial Watch, called the EEOC’s accusation ‘ludicrous.’ ‘That’s ludicrous and an overreaching of government,’ Garcia told CNSNews.com. ‘If you are a private company in the United States, you should be able to require your employees to speak English.’” [61168, 61169, 61174]

BuzzFeed.com reports on an April memorandum from the Congressional Hispanic Caucus that suggestions for executive actions Obama could take with regard to immigration. “Chief among the executive actions would be an expansion of Deferred

Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), beyond undocumented youth known as DREAMers who received it initially, for undocumented immigrants who are low-priority American workers and those who would benefit from the Senate's immigration reform bill. The memo also calls for an expansion of 'parole in place' to more undocumented immigrants, which would temporarily protect them from removal and provide them the ability to work in the country. The lawmakers give the example of a deferred action recipient who marries a U.S. citizen and doesn't have to leave the country to apply for a green card. ...The memo also seeks to keep nuclear families together or unify them by extending humanitarian parole to the family members of DACA recipients, including some who have already been removed from the country. Lastly, it recommends administrative action that would allow undocumented immigrants with certain legal status to enlist in the military. The suggested enforcement reforms include clarifying the extreme hardship waiver, refining prosecutorial discretion, limiting deportations without hearings—and a big one—ending the controversial Secure Communities program that facilitates detention, finger printing and deportation of undocumented immigrants.” (In essence, the Hispanic Caucus wants Obama to essentially eliminate the deportation process and do everything he can short of turning illegal immigrants into voting Democrat citizens. No one should be surprised if Obama follows all their recommendations, effectively thumbing his nose at Congress and the U.S. Constitution.) [61145]

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the head of ISIS who claims to be the caliph (ruler) of the new Islamic caliphate the group declared on June 29, issues a message to Muslims to gather arms and join in his jihad. He states, “[R]aise your ambitions, O soldiers of the Islamic State! For your brothers all over the world are waiting for your rescue, and are anticipating your brigades. Soon, by Allah’s permission, a day will come when the Muslim will walk everywhere as a master, having honor, being revered, with his head raised high and his dignity preserved. Anyone who dares to offend him will be disciplined, and any hand that reaches out to harm him will be cut off. So let the world know that we are living today in a new era. Whoever was heedless must now be alert. Whoever was sleeping must now awaken. Whoever was shocked and amazed must comprehend. The Muslims today have a loud, thundering statement, and possess heavy boots. They have a statement that will cause the world to hear and understand the meaning of terrorism, and boots that will trample the idol of nationalism, destroy the idol of democracy and uncover its deviant nature. ...O Muslims everywhere, whoever is capable of performing hijrah [emigration] to the Islamic State, then let him do so, because hijrah to the land of Islam is obligatory. ...We make a special call to the scholars, fuqahā’ [experts in Islamic law], and callers, especially the judges, as well as people with military, administrative, and service expertise, and medical doctors and engineers of all different specializations and fields.” [61150, 61165, 61518, 61548]

According to statistics maintained by TheReligionOfPeace.com, June 2014 was the worst month for jihadist attacks since September 2001, with more than 2,500 killed. [61160, 61161, 61162]

Obama telephones U.S. soccer team members to congratulate them on a well-played World Cup game they lost—and “honors” the players by tweeting a photograph of himself. (Obama does not, of course, send his own Twitter messages. They are issued by his propaganda arm, Organizing for Action. He may not be aware of the content of the tweets.) [61191, 61192, 61325]

Conservative Ann Barnhardt writes, “So Valerie Jarrett, the black-hearted Iranian communist psychopath who is actually running the White House, tweeted this the other day in response to a picture of a picture frame with her picture in it that has little figurines of people bowing and worshipping in front of it: ‘Don’t worry friends, it was a gag gift. Us strong women don’t need worship—just an economy for the 21st century.’ Yep. She really is that stupid. She used ‘Us’ as a subject pronoun. This isn’t stylistic bad grammar... Nope. You have allowed not just a conscienceless psychopathic Iranian communist fishwife and her gang of barely-mammalian hangers-on to overthrow your republic, but a conscienceless psychopathic Iranian communist fishwife who is also *teetering on the precipice of mental retardation* to overthrow your country. And you know what’s REALLY scary? Jarrett is, BY FAR, the brains in the Obama circle. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: These people have had the wild success they have had for one reason and one reason only. They are bold. They aren’t afraid. They are proactive. Just like their father, satan. Compare that to ‘us,’ who are timid, cowering, terrified of everyone and everything except God Almighty, and either convinced that ‘moderation’ and ‘prevent defense’ is the only way to go OR completely flaccid and supine. At least Hitler had a passing familiarity with the German language. What possible excuse will we have? None. Absolutely none.” [61084, 61085, 61086, 61111, 61131, 61142, 61306]

Comedian Jimmy Kimmel, noting the U.S. team’s World Cup soccer game loss, says, “Work even stopped at the White house today. About 200 White House staffers gathered to watch the game when, lo and behold, their boss [Obama] walked in and began to lead them in cheers.” After a video clip showing Obama chanting, “I believe! I believe! I believe that we can win! I believe that we can win!” Kimmel says, “Well, he believed in a lot of things that didn’t quite work out. Just put that one on the list.” [61213]

On July 3 the Department of Labor reports that 288,000 jobs were added in June. The unemployment rate falls to 6.1 percent. (The unemployment rate for blacks is 10.7 percent.) The decline is partly the result of people dropping out of the workforce entirely (about 2.35 million did so), which means they are no longer included in the calculations. (In every month but two since December 2008, more people have dropped out of the workforce than have found jobs.) Some Americans reentered the workforce—even if all they could find was part-time work—because Congress did not extend unemployment benefits. (Even though Obama and the Democrats wanted the extension, they were actually better served by not getting it.) According to ZeroHedge.com, “the number of full-time jobs [in June] tumbled by 523K to 118.2 million while part-time jobs soared by 799K... Looking at the breakdown of full and part-time jobs so far in 2014, we find that 926K full-time jobs were added to the US economy. The offset: 646K part-time jobs.”

(The Bureau of Labor Statistics states there are 7.5 million Americans working part-time.) The “underemployment rate” (the unemployed and those working part-time only because they cannot find full-time employment) is 12.1 percent, a very high rate. [61172, 61180, 61187, 61194, 61214, 61227, 61291, 61332]

Some might ask why people on welfare are not counted as unemployed. (After all, they are not working.) The government’s 6.1 percent unemployment rate comes from dividing the “official” estimated unemployed population of 9.474 million by the estimated workforce of 155.694 million. But (also according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics), the “civilian non-institutional population” (working-age Americans not in jail and not in the Armed Forces) is 247.814 million. There are therefore 92.120 million Americans of working age (16–65) who are *not* in the labor force. If individuals aged 16–21 (about 21 million) are all assumed to be in school (even though they are not), that still leaves about 71 million Americans age 22–65 who are not in the workforce. There are 71 million working-age Americans who are neither working nor looking for work. The workforce is about 155 million, yet 71 million are not working. (The rest are non-working children and non-working retirees.) There are therefore 155 million people who are working to provide for 315 million people, and 71 million people who *could* be working are not. Some would argue that the unemployment rate is 31 percent (71 divided by (155 million plus 71 million)). The 71 million, of course, includes many spouses who do not work because their husbands (or wives) earn enough to support the family on their own. But the 71 million also includes millions of people who are not working and are collecting welfare benefits—and they are just as “unemployed” as are the 9.474 million the government labels unemployed. [61214]

CNSNews.com reports, “The number of Americans 16 and older who did not participate in the labor force climbed to a record high of 92,120,000 in June, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This means that there were 92,120,000 Americans 16 and older who not only did not have a job, but did not actively seek one in the last four weeks. That is up 111,000 from the 92,009,000 Americans who were not participating in the labor force in April. In June, according to BLS, the labor force participation rate for Americans was 62.8 percent, matching a 36-year low. The participation rate is the percentage of the population that either has a job or actively sought one in the last four weeks.” [61186]

While on a book tour in England, Hillary Clinton is asked by the BBC, “So how special is the special relationship [between Great Britain and the United States?” Clinton responds, “It is so special to me, personally, and I think it is very special between our countries. There’s just a—not just a common language—but a common set of values that we can fall back on. It doesn’t matter in our country whether it’s a Republican or Democrat, or frankly in your country whether it’s a Conservative or a Tory. There is a level of trust and understanding. It doesn’t mean we always agree because of course we don’t.” (Of course, Conservatives and Tories are the same thing. Clinton should have said “Conservative or Labour,” or “Conservatives or Liberal Democrats,” or, better yet, “Conservatives or Labour or Liberal Democrats.”) Clinton does not explain why the

relationship between the two nation is “so” personally special to her. (It probably is not. Her remark is likely nothing more than her being obsequious.) [61211, 61217]

According to data from the Office of Personnel Management, there are 59,297 employees at the Veterans Administration who are paid \$100,000 or more; 18,709 are paid \$180,000 or more. [61188]

In an interview with Townhall.com, Edward Klein, author of *Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. The Obamas*, says the Obama-Clinton animosity “certainly can be traced back to the 2008 primary battle between the Clintons and the Obamas when they hurled all kinds of invective and names at each other. Bill never has forgiven the Obamas for referring to him as a ‘racist’ and of course the Obamas still harbor a lot of resentment for a lot of the things that Bill said about Barack Obama.” Despite their mutual dislike, Clinton promised to help Obama win reelection in 2012 if Obama would support Hillary Clinton in 2016. But “after Obama won, he called Bill Clinton and said thank you, by the way, I’ve changed my mind, I don’t know who I’m going to back in 2016—and Bill has never forgiven him for that.” Klein explains why Oprah Winfrey turned on the Obamas: “[S]he felt snubbed. She felt that they had promised her a lot of access. She felt that she, being Oprah, and being responsible for God knows how many votes in 2008 for Obama, among not only African-Americans, but a lot of women that she would be treated like an important adviser in the White House and instead she was ignored—totally ignored by Michelle Obama and Valerie Jarrett, who are essentially the gatekeepers to access to [Obama]. ...I spoke to Vernon Jordan, who is a longtime wise man in the Democratic Party. ...I asked him, ‘Why do you think Valerie Jarrett has so much power?’ His wife, Vernon Jordan’s wife, is an actual relative of Valerie Jarrett, so he sees a lot of her at dinners. He said she has the power because of proximity. She’s close to Obama, she lives in the White House. She actually sleeps there, she has dinner with the Obamas. And she decides essentially who’s going to be on Air Force One, who’s gonna see [Obama], who’s not going to see [Obama] when he goes on trips and she calls a lot of the shots—more so... than the chief of staff. And it was her feeling, according to things she’s told her friends and colleagues, I’ve discussed with them, that they did not want Oprah to be influencing Obama in policy. They didn’t want anybody influencing him in policy other than themselves and the people who they helped Obama pick to be his advisers.” [61193]

Klein continues, “*Unless they have no other choice in the matter, the Obamas are not going to be supporting Hillary* [Clinton in 2016]. I think, as Bill Clinton has said to many of his friends, Obama has been looking for a mini me, a clone. Somebody like him, who will challenge Hillary for the nomination. And, it’s Bill Clinton’s feeling that the Obamas will go to any length to prevent Hillary from getting the nomination, because they don’t want the Clintons to take control of the Democratic Party and the direction of the Democratic Party. Obama represents the far left wing of the party, the Occupy Wall Street, the reform America, more like a European socialist state wing, whereas the Clintons are much more centrist than him [sic; he is], and much more active in foreign policy than he has been willing to be. So, it’s not just a personal feud, it’s an ideological point as well.” According to Klein, Obama “didn’t tell [Hillary Clinton] to resign as

Secretary of State [after the Benghazi fiasco]. He said, given the fact she knew of the terrorist attack and that [he] wanted her to say quite the opposite—that it was a video-motivated attack, which is nonsense. They discussed on the phone and then told their friends about this—the possibility of her resigning in protest, and they decided against it because if her resignation hurt Obama’s chances for reelection, the Democratic Party would never forgive her, and it would harm her chances of getting the nomination in 2016.” [61193]

In Mississippi, Chris McDaniel’s campaign offers \$1,000 rewards to as many as 15 people who come forward with proof of vote fraud in the GOP primary election in which he was defeated by Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS). The evidence presented must lead to an arrest and conviction. (By July 4 the McDaniel team identifies “more than 4,900 irregularities” in the voting records of 51 counties. McDaniel may have evidence, but he will likely get nowhere; the Republican Party establishment will simply never allow McDaniel to have his “day in court.”) [61195, 61205, 61215, 62572]

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, a veteran collapses in a Veteran Administration hospital cafeteria and dies while waiting 20 minutes to be taken to the emergency room. According to BizPacReview.com, “Staff members on the scene followed hospital procedure by calling 911, and waiting the approximate 20 minutes for [an] ambulance to arrive. That policy is now under review, hospital spokeswoman Sonja Brown told the Associated Press. ... Vietnam veteran Lorenzo Colbert, who witnessed the tragedy, said, ‘There’s no reason for it. They have so many workers. They could have put him on the gurney and run faster than that ambulance.’ The distance from the cafeteria to the ER was about a four-minute walk, KOAT reported, and the unnecessary death adds more weight to the preponderance of seeming widespread incompetence plaguing the nation’s largest health care system.” (Why hospital policy should require calling an ambulance for someone who is already inside the facility is not explained.) [61207, 61210]

According to Breitbart.com, the Obama administration has ordered Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials to stop referring to illegal immigrant children as “unaccompanied alien children” (UACs). Instead, they must be called “unaccompanied children.” (Arguably, they are not “unaccompanied.” They are being brought to the border via Mexico by paid escorts. Granted, those escorts may mostly be thugs and criminals, but there are certainly no three-year-olds walking alone from Central America to Texas.) [61197, 61208, 61713]

On CNN, Border Patrol Agent Hector Garcia defies an agency gag order imposed to cover up the illegal immigration problems and says, “What we’re seeing, plain and simple, is a rampant abuse of our immigration system. We have a situation right now where the federal government is aiding and abetting and facilitating the smuggling of these individuals, of the illegal aliens. ... The majority of these people are never gonna [sic; going to] report back to an immigration hearing. ... How do you expect a mother from Honduras that’s [sic; who is] crossing the country with three to five children, and they’re all young-aged children, how do you expect for that mother who comes to this

country to actually begin working? ...This illegal alien ...is gonna [sic; going to] depend on our welfare system, on our government assistance. And you know what? That is costing the taxpayer a lot of money.” [61238]

Radio talk show host Michael Savage warns listeners about diseases being brought into the United States by illegal immigrants. He says, “What the liberal media is hiding from you can be dangerous for your safety, your security and your health. ...Right now, you’re not going to hear this [from the government or the mainstream media], but we have tuberculosis, hand-foot-and-mouth disease, Chagas disease—previously eradicated from Southern California—on the rise and testing positive in... Border Patrol agents. ...The Border Patrol is being threatened with lawsuits and firing if they disclose this. Congressmen are being turned away from the border as they go to investigate this surge of infected illegal aliens being thrown across the border at us. ...It’s easy for you to say I’m simply an alarmist or a racist, I’m a this-ist or a that-ist. Well you’ve got it all wrong. The only ‘ist’ I am is an epidemiologist. I am not a racist. I am not an alarmist. I am an epidemiologist by training.” (WND.com notes that Savage “earned a doctorate in epidemiology at the University of California at Berkeley before becoming a top nationally syndicated talk-radio host.”) Savage calls the protest that blocked a bus full of illegal immigrants in California “the beginning of the next American revolution. This is not a joke. Take a look at their faces: Women, men, children holding signs ‘Stop illegal immigration.’ ...If you drop a dog off on the side of a street and run away, you’re considered a bad person; you could be arrested. But the federal government has no problem with dropping children off on the side of a road?” Savage wonders what will happen “when a soccer mom awakens one morning and her daughter’s hair is crawling with lice? Do you understand what’s going to happen when she awakens one morning and her little darling comes home testing positive for tuberculosis, because one of the divinely inspired children of Nancy Pelosi was permitted to enter that classroom with tuberculosis?” (Defending Obama’s policies and inaction, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) claimed the illegal immigrant children have a “spark of divinity in them.”) [61198, 61296]

A tuberculosis outbreak, bad as one might be, would pale in comparison to an Ebola virus outbreak. According to TheCommonSenseShow.com, “Ebola hemorrhagic fever broke out in West Africa in March, and is totally out of control as one of the most deadly illnesses has crossed into seven African countries. The illness causes fever, headache, and internal and external bleeding. It is transmitted person to person through body fluids, and has up to a 90% mortality rate. This was reported in the Washington Post on June 29, 2014. Adding fuel to this fire is a statement that comes from the chairman of the National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers (NAFBPO), Zack Taylor, who states that West African illegal immigrants are presently coming into the U.S. through Mexico.” Additionally, Dr. Jane Orient, an internal medicine specialist and the Executive Director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS), warns “of a mosquito-transmitted disease known as Dengue fever. Dengue fever comes from Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and northern South America. According to my Border Patrol contact, many more illegal immigrants from these regions are making their way into the United States. This illness is taking a fatal hemorrhagic form. There is no vaccine and no

drug therapy for this viral disease that is almost always fatal ...Drug-resistant TB [tuberculosis] has already made its way into the United States as a result of the presence of the illegal immigrants. The Border Patrol is privately stating that they are impacted and at least one confirmed case of TB has shown up among the Border Patrol as have scabies and other select illnesses. ...However, the government is covering this up by threatening criminal prosecution of any whistle blowing Border Patrol agents. Dr. Orient said that the Border Patrol is already laundering their work clothes on site so as to lessen the chance of spreading disease to their family members at home.” [61201]

According to *The New York Times*, “Federal officials in South Texas have told lawmakers that more than 85 percent of the unaccompanied [illegal] minors from Central America have been released to close relatives living in this country, including about half released to at least one parent.” According to DailyCaller.com, “Top immigration officials choose to not check if the relatives or parents who pick up the children are in the country legally. ...[O]fficials have caught an additional 240,000 Central American migrants since April, and are transporting many of them to their destinations throughout the United States. The 290,000 illegals [including 50,000 children]—so far—are exploiting legal loopholes that allow them to get temporary permits to stay in the United States. Experts say that ...Obama’s administration has failed to close the loopholes and is unlikely to deport more than a small percentage of the illegals, despite the high unemployment rates among American Latino, African-American and white youths, and the strapped budgets of many cities and towns.” [61219, 61220, 61221]

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs’ Tara Corrigan sends an email that reads, “Given that one of the challenges HHS [the Department of Health and Human Services] is facing in finding suitable facilities for unaccompanied children, I wanted to forward this e-mail from FEMA [Federal Emergency Management Agency] below to see if you all have folks in your networks that know of suitable facilities in your area.” (In other words, the White House is begging for help and ideas because it hasn’t the faintest idea of where to put the thousands of illegal immigrant children who are flooding across the border.) FEMA’s email states, “As you are aware, there has been an increase in the number of very young children making this journey. This is an unprecedented event that requires unique approaches to temporarily house children until they can be discharged to a sponsor while awaiting judicial proceedings.” According to DailyCaller.com, “FEMA also provides a list of requirements that facilities must meet in order to be considered for use. They must be within 50 miles of a major city—defined as having a population of more than 200,000—and be near an airport. The facilities must also be at least 90,000 square feet in size, with each resident requiring at least 80 square feet of space. It has to be leasable and ‘move-in ready.’ Ideal building types include empty office areas, box stores, warehouses, shopping malls, aircraft hangers, hotels and dorms. The FEMA email also lists such amenities as showers, toilets, kitchen and cafeteria space, recreational space and educational facilities as preferable but not required. ‘Climate-controlled’ facilities are also preferred, but not required.” [61315]

Fatima Noor, a Muslim graduate student at the University of Memphis, lands a job as a special assistant in the Office of the Director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the Department of Homeland Security. [76148, 76149]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “Air passengers are facing extra delays at departure gates across the UK as security staff carry out heightened checks amid fears that Islamist groups are working on an undetectable ‘stealth bomb’ which could bring down an airliner. Increased patrols and extra precautions were brought in at terminals around the UK overnight as Britain remained on a ‘substantial’ terror alert following reports that two networks are trying to produce a new explosive. However, the increased security measures have left thousands of passengers facing possible delays with some claiming the increased scrutiny of hand luggage and X-ray machine images has slowed the pace at departure gates.” [61223, 61224]

According to a new poll by Pat Caddell’s EMC Research, Americans are pretty much fed up with the government. HuffingtonPost.com reports, “While today’s disaffection is partly due to the economy, Caddell argues that something deeper is going on. Two-thirds of the survey’s respondents felt that they have no say in government, with 73 percent believing the government does not rule with the consent of the people. ‘People like to say that the country is more divided than ever,’ Caddell said, ‘but in fact the country is united about one thing: that the political class does not represent them, that the system is rigged against them. There is a belief that the system is rigged, and that’s what we need to understand.’ ... ‘The dispute that the public has with Washington and the political class is obviously at record levels,’ he said. ‘A lot of this is due to a sense in the public that Washington does not represent them and that, in fact, they are the victims of Washington rather than the beneficiaries.’” [61271]

The Obama administration publishes 1,296 pages of additional ObamaCare regulations. [61317]

IsraelVideoNetwork.com posts a video documenting Obama’s consistent anti-Israel actions. [61235]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer observes, “[T]here is one factor here which I think is overlooked, and you won’t read about it [much]. Rob Stein, the economist, pointed this out in National Review Online. These six months, which Obama heralds as the largest—the fastest growth in jobs since 1999, have coincided with the six months of which we have no longer extended emergency unemployment, long-term unemployment insurance. Remember at the end of last year, the furious debate the Democrats [had], [and with Obama] saying if you end this, the sky is going to fall, people will go starving, it’s going to increase unemployment? It’s had precisely the opposite effect. In these six months, where you ended the extended unemployment, and the conservative argument was if you subsidize something, you’ll get more of it, if you stop the subsidy, you’ll lessen it. So, these six months coincide with a decrease in the median length of unemployment from 17 weeks to 13 weeks. The largest six-month decline in the length of

unemployment ever measured. Which means the real problem of long-term unemployment was a function of this anomaly, emergency extended unemployment, which should never have happened, and whose end has created this—has contributed to this excellent result. The debate on that extension is over and the conservatives were right.” [61249]

On July 4 LewRockwell.com posts a Sprott Money News interview with ShadowStats.com’s John Williams, who says, “We have ahead of us here probably the worst fundamentals ever facing the dollar. ...I don’t think things have ever been more negative. ...We’ve now seen the first quarter GDP showing a reasonably large decline, I’ll contend, despite the hype and optimism on Wall Street about the second quarter, that we’re going to see a second quarter contraction in official reporting. That would give you a new recession as most people would define it. ...That’s a factor that could trigger massive selling against the dollar.” [61199]

Obama reportedly buys his daughter Malia a new car for her 16th birthday. (She was born July 4, 1998.) The make and model of the car are not revealed. What she will do with the car is unclear. (Washington, D.C. allows driving only upon reaching age 17.) [61464]

Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) tells WND.com Obama surrendered the authority to make or change laws the minute he left the Senate: “He didn’t run for the legislature. He left the legislature and ran for president. Legislating is not an option for him unless he wants to destroy our Constitution or create a constitutional crisis, which he is quickly moving us toward. ...The Founders gave us the power of the purse. It’s going to take a lot of courage to stand up to [Obama] and say we’re going to start defunding anything that you care deeply about that’s not important to the American people. ...We need to start eliminating any money for any federal agency or department, including the White House, that is not following the law. Then you get their attention. That’s what the Founders anticipated. ...The current [immigration] rules are confusing because the law is very clear and yet [Obama] came out and announced, like a good monarch would, that he didn’t like the law and so he pronounced new law. ‘If you meet these requirements, then we’ll let you stay here. So I have spoken, so shall it be.’ That’s what monarchs do. So because of that, it is confusing. The law itself is not. ...Homeland Security and Health and Human Services, they are engaged in human trafficking. So if you get into this country, then you are transported to other parts of the country. If you have a parent who is here illegally, then Health and Human Services, which is no longer about health, and Homeland Security that is no longer about security will engage in human trafficking and help you violate the law by getting you illegally wherever you want to go.” [61200]

“...Border Patrol men can’t afford to say it on the record because of their jobs, but what I heard from them over and over is, ‘We had a problem with Brazilians coming in when they got word we wouldn’t send them back. Once we were allowed to send a few families back, it stopped immediately.’ ... You say [to people trying to cross the border], ‘You’re not coming in legally. Our laws means so much. That’s why our economy is better than yours, because we apply the rule of law. We can’t let you destroy the economy by forcing

us to quit following the rule of law. Therefore, we are sending you back.’ It would require some manpower, some expense to send people back, but nearly as much as the damage to our country would be by letting people come in just willy nilly as they wish to. ...No, they [illegals] don’t need to be in court. What should be done is what’s called a turnaround. If you attempt to come into get on our soil and you’re caught at the border, then you’re turned around and sent back. You don’t need a judge to hear your case. If you did not come in legally and have the proper papers, you go back. You go back to where you came from. That ought to be what we do. ...Once we have a president who agrees to follow the law, shows us he will follow the law, then we can get a reform package. There’s no sense in reforming anything until [Obama] is willing to follow the law. The courts have made clear that it is up to the federal executive branch to enforce our immigration laws.” [61200]

Obama attends a White House naturalization ceremony granting U.S. citizenship to 25 immigrant members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Obama says, “Now, this is one of my favorite events to do—and not just because we get to have a barbeque and watch fireworks later. It’s because each of you has traveled a long journey to this moment—journeys that began in places like Jamaica and Germany, China and Guatemala. And yet somehow—either because your parents brought you here as children, or because you made the choice yourselves as adults—you ended up here, in America. And then many of you did something extraordinary: You signed up to serve in the United States military. You answered the call—to fight and potentially to give your life for a country that you didn’t fully belong to yet. You understood what makes us American is not just circumstances of birth, or the names in our family tree. It’s that timeless belief that from many we are one; that we are bound together by adherence to a set of beliefs and unalienable rights; that we have certain obligations to each other, to look after each other, and to serve one another. And over the years, that’s exactly what you’ve done.” [61202, 61233, 61250]

Leftists charge “racism” over a Fourth of July parade float in Norfolk, Nebraska that features an outhouse with a sign that reads, “Obama Presidential Library.” Parade-watcher Glory Kathurima, who is from Kenya, tells the *Lincoln Journal Star*, “I’m angry and I’m scared. This float was not just political; this was absolutely a racial statement.” (Kathurima does not explain what makes the float racist, rather than just an expression of criticism over Obama’s policies.) The Department of Justice, which seems to not have the time or manpower to investigate the IRS scandal, sends someone to Norfolk to investigate the outhouse issue. (The visit by the federal officials is, of course, not meant to investigate anything. It is meant to intimidate Obama critics.) [61278, 61279, 61283, 61502, 61582, 61625, 61681]

SFGate.com reports that “France is increasing security on flights headed for the United States this summer amid U.S. concerns that al-Qaida is trying to develop a new kind of bomb. ...The French civil aviation authority on Friday announced stepped-up security measures ‘for the summer period.’ The agency said the measures might cause delays on

U.S.-bound flights. French government officials would not elaborate on the measures, citing the need for discretion in security matters.” [61222, 61224]

In Murietta, California, (false) rumors that the federal government would attempt to bus more illegal immigrants through the city prompt pro- and anti-amnesty demonstrators to gather. Pro-amnesty demonstrators burn a U.S. flag and chant, “La raza unida jamas seran vencida.” (“The united race will never be defeated.”) Attorney Orly Taitz attends and later reports, “When Teri Figueroa of Union Tribune asked Taitz, why did she drive for an hour and a half from Southern Orange county to Murrieta to protest, Taitz responded that she cannot imagine a more meaningful way to celebrate the 4th of July than by being with American patriots of Murrieta protesting this dump of illegals and protesting this heist of American jobs and wages by Obama. ...NY Times reporter (she did not provide her name) wondered why is a civil rights attorney fighting this, how does it affect Taitz. This reporter stated that this dump of illegals does not affect her, the reporter. Taitz responded to the reporter that when the reporter contracts tuberculosis and starts coughing up blood she might realize that this affects her, too.” (There have been reports that the U.S. military has ordered flu vaccines, with 70 percent to be delivered by August 29 and the remainder by September 30. Whether such a request is a common, annual practice, or an emergency response to the influx of illegal immigrants is not clear.) [61232, 61233, 61234, 61251, 61302, 61428, 61429]

“...Obama-illegal alien supporters were chanting ‘Viva La Raza,’ meaning long live the race in Spanish, they meant Hispanic race. Obama and illegal dump supporters are actually the racists, who are chanting ‘La Raza,’ believing in supremacy of the Hispanic race and have no support for the USA. These people barely spoke English, some had Mexican flags and green t-shirts with the word Mexico on it, some wore Palestinian flags as scarves and head bands. Taitz could see that majority of people supporting illegals are barely speaking English. In the sea of people who barely spoke English, Taitz spotted one tall white guy. When she came closer, she saw that this guy was wearing a wig and a fake beard, clearly a hired actor. If the border patrol standing idly were to check the IDs of people demonstrating in support of Obama’s policy of dumping illegals, this counter protest, this pro-illegal demonstration would have been over within 5 minutes, as 99% of them would have been deported back to Mexico and Muslim countries. Just as Obama is wasting and misusing taxpayer funds in flying illegals from Mexico all over the country, he is also misusing taxpayer funds in paying for charter flights and flying the illegals from Muslim countries as well. All of this has to end and be reversed. All of these people have to be deported and perpetrators: Obama, Jeh Johnson, Eric Holder and their financiers, aiders and abettors, such as George Soros and Mark Zuckerberg, should be criminally prosecuted and fined for subverting US immigration laws.” [61232, 61233, 61234, 61251, 61302]

Hammered by criticism over her enormous speaking fees, Hillary Clinton tells ABC’s Ann Compton the money she has received from colleges since she left the Obama administration has been donated to the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, “to continue its life-changing and life-saving work. So it goes from a foundation at a

university to another foundation.” (It can be assumed that the speaking fees Clinton receives from corporations, rather than colleges, go into her pocket.) [61259]

Obama commemorates the Fourth of July by tweeting a photograph of himself and a quote of one of his statements. [61254, 61255]

BostonGlobe.com reports, “Cases of chikungunya, a viral disease spread by mosquitoes in tropical climates, have been reported in Boston and surrounding communities among people returning from the Caribbean, state public health officials said Thursday. The Boston Public Health Commission sent an alert to physicians Tuesday warning them to look out for symptoms of the illness, which causes severe fever and joint pain. Four cases have been reported just this week in Boston... and several cases have been confirmed elsewhere in New England during the past month. ...Treatments for the disease do not exist. Instead, doctors can alleviate the fever, joint swelling, headaches, muscle pain, and rash that are often symptomatic of the virus. Deaths are rare, and it is usually cleared by the immune system in seven to 10 days.” (Whether the virus will begin to occur more frequently because of increased illegal immigration is not yet known.) [61265, 61266]

On July 5 Obama plays five hours of golf. (Secretary of State John Kerry spends the weekend kiteboarding.) [61228, 61252, 61276]

William Binney, a former NSA code-breaker who resigned in disgust after what he saw as abuse by the government after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, addresses a Centre for Investigative Journalism conference in London. He states, “At least 80 percent of fibre-optic cables globally go via the U.S. This is no accident, and [it] allows the U.S. to view all communication coming in. At least 80 percent of all audio calls, not just metadata, are recorded and stored in the U.S. The NSA lies about what it stores.” [61571, 61572]

FoxNews.com reports, “The State Department confirmed Saturday that American citizen Tariq Khdeir is being held by Israeli authorities in Jerusalem and called for an investigation into reports he was severely beaten while in police custody, amid escalating violence in the Middle East country. ...Tariq Khdeir, who goes to school in Florida, was beaten by police during clashes on Thursday ahead of his cousin’s funeral. His parents, Suha and Salah, say Tariq was detained but had been treated at an Israeli hospital. ...Khdeir’s Arab cousin, 16-year-old Abu Khdeir, was recent[ly] seized from his home and found dead in a forest Wednesday. Palestinians immediately accused Israeli extremists of killing him to avenge the deaths of three Israeli teens who had been abducted and killed in the West Bank. Israeli police said an investigation is still underway and they have not yet determined who killed the boy or why. The Israeli police say the youth resisted arrest and attacked police officers. He was detained with a slingshot in his possession used to hurl stones at police, along with six other protesters, including some armed with knives, police said, adding that several officers were hurt in that specific protest, one of many that day. The chaos began after the three Israeli teenagers, one of whom was a U.S. citizen, were abducted in the West Bank on June 12,

sparking a huge manhunt that ended with the gruesome discovery of their bodies earlier this week.” [61236, 61261]

Several soldiers who served with deserter Bowe Bergdahl in Afghanistan tell Fox News they have not yet been contacted by the Army, even though it is supposedly conducting an investigation into the circumstances of Bergdahl’s leaving his post. Former Army Sergeant Evan Buetow states, “There’s [sic; there are] only a handful of us who were actually there and we haven’t been contacted yet. I don’t really know how in-depth they’re trying to get here. I thought we’d be some of the people they’d call. I think they have their mind made up already on what they want people to know. ...I think it’s very clear he deserted his post. He thought about what he was doing, he mailed some things home, he walked away and we have witnesses who saw him walking away. And if you’re walking away in one of the worst, most dangerous areas of Afghanistan without your weapon and gear, I don’t believe you’re planning on coming back.” [61237]

Marine Corps General John Kelly, commander of U.S. Southern Command, tells DefenseOne.com, “In comparison to other global threats, the near collapse of societies in the hemisphere with the associated drug and [undocumented immigrant] flow are frequently viewed to be of low importance. Many argue these threats are not existential and do not challenge our national security. I disagree.” According to the site, “In spring hearings before the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, Kelly said that budgets cuts are ‘severely degrading’ the military’s ability to defend southern approaches to the U.S border. Last year, he said, his task force was unable to act on nearly 75 percent of illicit trafficking events. ‘I simply sit and watch it go by,’ he said. But the potential threats are even greater. Kelly warned that neglect has created vulnerabilities that can be exploited by terrorist groups, describing a ‘crime-terror convergence’ already seen in Lebanese Hezbollah’s involvement in the region.” [61285]

On July 6 Texas Governor Rick Perry appears on *This Week* and excoriates the Obama administration for its many failures regarding border security, while ABC’s Martha Raddatz does her best to defend Obama and his policies. Perry says, “When I have written a letter that is dated May of 2012 and I have yet to have a response from this administration, I will tell you they either are inept or don’t care. ...[I]t is a failure of leadership from the administration in Washington, D.C. ...What has to be addressed is the security of the border. You know that, I know that, [Obama] knows that. I don’t believe he particularly cares whether or not the border of the United States is secure, and that’s the reason there’s been this lack of effort, this lack of focus, this lack of resources.” Raddatz counters that Obama has been “been telling people not to come.” Perry responds, “About five years too late would be my response to that. [Obama] has sent powerful messages time after time by his policies, by nuances, that it is okay to come to the United States and you can come across and you’ll be accepted in open arms. That is the real issue.” (Raddatz can hardly be considered a objective journalist. Raddatz once worked at National Public Radio. One of her husbands, Julius Genachowski worked with Obama at the Harvard Law Review, and Obama attended their 1991 wedding. Obama appointed Genachowski to head the Federal Communications Commission. Another husband of

Raddatz, Tom Gjelten, works for National Public Radio. Raddatz was also once married to Ben Bradlee III, son of the former *Washington Post* executive editor. Raddatz moderated the 2012 vice presidential debate between Joe Biden and Paul Ryan. She allowed Biden to interrupt Ryan more than 80 times, and she interrupted Ryan about 30 times.) [35444, 35445, 35506, 35515, 35882, 35927, 35930, 37865, 38236, 38290, 38299, 38332, 38389, 38391, 38414, 38415, 38444, 61246, 61247, 61282, 61288, 61294, 61305]

Gil Kerlikowske, head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, tells *This Week*, “As you know, [Homeland Security] Secretary [Jeh] Johnson has just deployed an additional 150 agents to the Rio Grande Valley, and that is on top of the 115 that are already moving in, so I’m confident that we have the resources.” (There are 2,000 miles of border between Mexico and the United States. The addition of a few hundred agents is almost meaningless—particularly if their time is spent processing children and not policing the border.) Kerlikowske says, “These are family members, these are not gang members, they are not dangerous individuals.” (How he knows the people crossing the border—which includes some who have tuberculosis and the H1N1 swine flu virus—are not dangerous is not clear. One health care worker tells Fox News’ Todd Starnes, “The amount of tuberculosis is astonishing. The nurses are telling us the kids are really sick. The tuberculosis is definitely there.”) There is also a possibility of leprosy, which is not readily diagnosed in its early stages. [61292, 61296, 61394]

At NYPost.com, *Blood Feud* author Edward Klein writes that Obama “has quietly promised Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren complete support if she runs for president—a stinging rebuke to his nemesis Hillary Clinton, sources tell me. Publicly, Obama has remained noncommittal on the 2016 race, but privately he worries that Clinton would undo and undermine many of his policies. There’s also a personal animosity, especially with Bill Clinton, that dates from their tough race six years ago. ... Thanks to her outspoken stand against big banks and the top 1 percent, Warren is the darling of progressives. She won her Senate seat thanks to millions of dollars in donations from outside Massachusetts, including from rich environmentalists and Hollywood celebrities. Obama has authorized his chief political adviser, Valerie Jarrett, to conduct a full-court press to convince Warren to throw her hat into the ring. In the past several weeks, Jarrett has held a series of secret meetings with Warren. During these meetings, Jarrett has explained to Warren that Obama is worried that if Hillary succeeds him in the White House, she will undo many of his policies. He believes that the populist Warren is the best person to convince the party faithful that Hillary is out of touch with poor Americans and the middle class. Warren, in his view, would carry on the Obama legacy after he leaves the White House.” An “administration source” says, “The Obamas believe that Warren sees things from the same ideological point of view as they do. She is a committed progressive who, like Obama, wants to transform America into a European-style democratic-socialist state.” Another source tells Klein, “Both Valerie and Michelle Obama have convinced [Obama] that Elizabeth Warren is his Mini-Me. For the time being, the Obamas have decided not to broadcast the fact that they’ve tapped Warren as their chosen candidate. They are waiting until the moment is right, which will probably be after the midterm elections.” [61257, 61277, 61303, 61304, 61322]

Meanwhile, Breitbart.com reports that Warren, “who came up with the idea and led the start-up of the ‘Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’ [CFPB] as a federal watchdog to prevent financial institutions from abusing U.S. consumers, is now at the center of the a scandal regarding the vanished authorization to spend \$215.8 million on a luxurious remodel that included a new penthouse floor and indoor waterfall for the bureau’s rented Washington, D.C. office space. The Office of Inspector General of the United States Federal Reserve (OIG) was requested by the House Financial Services Oversight and Investigations Committee on January 29, 2014, to evaluate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s (CFPB) headquarters renovation costs that rose from \$55 million to at least \$215.8 million. ...[A]lthough... Warren was the responsible party at the CFPB who approved the ‘decision to renovate,’ the design, and the cost ‘Scope and Justification for Estimates,’ all documents regarding her decisions have vanished. ...The Heritage Foundation blog revealed, ‘Some of the building’s extravagant features include a four-story glass staircase, two-story waterfall and a sunken garden.’ Chairman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) of the House Financial Services Committee compared the CFPB headquarters higher renovation cost with the \$334 a foot for Trump World Tower and \$330 a foot for the Bellagio Hotel and Casino.” (The CFPB renovation costs are a whopping \$421.48 per square foot.) [61262]

At NYDailyNews.com liberal law professor Jonathan Turley comments on Obama’s “So sue me” challenge to Congress: “The moment was reminiscent of George W. Bush’s taunting Iraqi insurgents over 10 years ago by saying, ‘Bring ’em on.’ It was irresponsible bravado from a man who was not himself at the receiving end of IEDs and constant attacks that would go on to cost us thousands of military personnel. I imagine some lawyers at the Justice Department may feel the same way about Obama’s ‘sue me’ taunt. They are the ones being hammered in federal courts over sweeping new interpretations and unilateral executive actions. ...The political slogan of ‘no compromise’ has migrated into legal strategy with disastrous results. That is precisely what happened in the recess appointments decision in *NLRB vs. Canning*. I testified on [Obama’s] recess appointments in Congress after they were made and said that the nominations in my view were flagrantly unconstitutional. The fact that the administration decided to force a confrontation on such a weak case shows not just a lack of judgment but a cavalier attitude towards the costs of such losses. While he clearly has authority to set enforcement priorities in areas like immigration law, Obama has repeatedly stepped well over the line of separation. ...In our system, there is no license to go it alone. Rather, the Republic’s democratic architecture requires compromise. The process is designed to moderate legislation and create a broader consensus in support of these laws.” [61260]

At Breitbart.com Kristin Tate reports, “[F]ederal agents plan to arrive in Murrieta [California] on Monday with riot gear to ensure that another busload [of illegal immigrants] makes it to the housing facility. Jeremy Oliver, a resident of Temecula, California—a town that neighbors Murrieta—told Breitbart Texas that local police officers warned the protesters that ‘it’s going to get ugly.’ Oliver said, ‘The feds are pissed that they haven’t been able to use this facility. Officers out there warned people that federal agents will be in Murrieta on Monday—they are going to get the next bus

through no matter what. Riot gear and shields will be used to push the crowd back.’ John Henry, a Murrieta resident since 1991, was told the same thing by local officers. ‘We’re being told that federal Marshals or ICE will be here in the next few days and that they are bringing riot gear,’ Henry said. ‘They’re apparently going to be blocking off the street with concrete blockades so that no vehicles can get through. The River County Sheriff’s Department showed up last night and brought a huge watch tower that shoots up into the air 35 feet.’” [61263, 61264, 61281, 61295]

Express.co.uk reports, “All 294 US diplomatic outposts are on high alert after the terror threats were posted online by rebels. One ISIS post said: ‘If America attacks Iraq every American embassy in the world will be exposed and attacked with car bombs.’ Another vowed: ‘If the United States bomb Iraq, every American citizen is a legitimate target.’” [61267, 61268, 61269]

On *Meet the Press*, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson refuses to estimate how many illegal immigrant children and families will enter the United States in 2014, and refuses to state whether they will be deported. Johnson says, “There is a deportation proceeding that is commenced against illegal migrants, including children. We are looking at ways to create additional options for dealing with the children in particular.” (Of course, the proceedings depend on the illegal immigrant showing up for his court date—which most of them will not do.) Johnson says, “We have to do right by the children. I have personally encountered enough of them to know that we have to do right by the children, but at the end of the day, in the final analysis, our border is not open to illegal migration, and we will stem the tide.” (If the border is indeed “not open to illegal immigration,” there would, of course, be no children for Johnson to encounter.) [61274, 61293, 61298, 61301]

Congressman Raul Labrador (R-ID) also appears on *Meet the Press*, and charges that the program is a showcase for “another administration official making stuff up.” Labrador calls for the Obama administration to deport the illegal immigrants flooding across the border. “I know it sounds harsh,” says Labrador, “I know it sounds difficult, but they are creating a crisis at this that is actually going to harm these children. ... You know Americans are great people. I think they’re willing to deal with the 11 million people [illegals already in the United States] if we feel there’s going to be border security. Right now... the frustration you see... is because [Americans] feel this administration is doing nothing about border security.” The William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008, which calls for children from countries other than Mexico and Canada to be treated more generously and not be immediately deported, is being abused by the Obama administration. That law was intended to deal with child sex trafficking. It was *not* intended as a free pass for tens of thousands of children and mothers flooding the United States for other reasons. The law also allows Obama to accelerate the judicial process; he does *not* have to drag out the process as long as he chooses. (A significant problem, of course, is that many of the people illegally crossing the border do not carry identification. If a person from Mexico tells the Border Patrol he

is from Guatemala, he could easily be accepted as a Guatemalan and escorted in to the United States, to be bused to an American city.) [61280, 61284, 61402, 61493]

Sweetness-Light.com notes, “In reality, this was not a new law at all. This was a ‘renewal’ of a law that was signed by Bill Clinton, the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000. Which was to provide protections for persons in the country illegally who may be victims of human trafficking [sic; 2000, which]. The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act has been subsequently renewed in 2003, 2006, 2008 and most recently in 2013, as an amendment to the Violence Against Women Act. In fact, William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 was sponsored by then Senator Joe Biden. It carefully added the loophole that prevents illegal alien children from non-contiguous countries from being quickly immediately deported. The ‘renewal’ of the act in 2013, the Violence Against Women Act, introduced similar loopholes for women who were victims of domestic violence. It was also championed by Joe Biden. So now we are being flooded with children who are claiming to have been victims of sex trafficking and women who are claiming to be victims of domestic violence. We are supposed to believe that these 50,000 kids are all the victims of sex trafficking. That the 250,000 illegal adult women—are all victims of domestic violence.” (Obama claims the 2008 law is tying his hands. Of course, he has had no problem ignoring or changing ObamaCare rules that he felt were also tying his hands.) [61451, 61452]

Author Ann Coulter late points out how the Obama administration is abusing the law. She writes, “The Wilberforce law states, in relevant part: ‘Any unaccompanied alien child sought to be removed by the Department of Homeland Security, except for an unaccompanied alien child from a contiguous country (i.e. Mexico—or Canada, so as not to sound discriminatory) ...shall be -- placed in removal proceedings... eligible for relief ...at no cost to the child and provided access to counsel.’ Obviously, that’s the whole ball of wax. Once a kid is in, given La Raza attorneys and a hearing date, he’s never going home. No immigration judge is going to listen to a lawyer-manufactured sob story and say, ‘No, I’m sorry, that didn’t touch my heart. You have to go back to Huehuetenango.’ But the law’s definition of ‘unaccompanied alien child’ limits the hearings to kids who have no relatives in the United States. If your relatives live here, the law assumes you’re not being sex-trafficked—you’re trying to join them. ...Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Vice President Joe Biden wrote the law—and Feinstein isn’t stupid. She’s well aware of illegal immigration. That’s why the law specifically excludes two huge categories of illegal aliens from getting hearings: (1) Mexicans; and (2) children who have relatives in the U.S. Those cases look more like illegal immigration than sex trafficking. (Didn’t anyone wonder why Mexican kids are excluded?) Mexicans make up the lion’s share of illegal immigrants in the U.S., and children with relatives already living in the U.S. are probably just trying to rejoin family—not trying to escape a fiendish kidnapper about to sell them into sex slavery. According to last Friday’s *New York Times*, almost 90 percent of the 53,000 illegal alien kids given refugee status since October have already been transferred to parents or relatives living in the U.S. By the law’s clear terms, those 47,000 kids should have been summarily turned away at the border—just as Mexican children are. ...No law needs to be fixed. The only thing that needs to be fixed is [Obama].” [62170]

On CNN's *State of the Union*, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina says, "A lot of women, me included, are sick of the 'war on women.' And we saw it in spades on Monday after the Hobby Lobby case. The women of Hobby Lobby had access to contraception through their company insurance plan before Obamacare; they have access to contraception—16 forms of it—after the ruling. But somehow, you know, this is the long arm of business and the Republican Party reaching into the body of women. It's ridiculous. ... Strong and bitter words indicate a weak cause... The war on women is shameless, baseless propaganda. There's no fact to it. But it's worked because it's scared women to death. Enough." [61287]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) suggests Attorney General Eric Holder will cave in and appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the IRS scandal. [61286]

Six Israelis are arrested in connection with the abduction and killing of a Palestinian youth. Three of the six reportedly confess to the crime. *The Sydney Morning Herald* writes, "The attack is believed to have been in revenge for the kidnap and murder of three Israeli teenagers in the occupied West Bank last month, and the twin attacks have ratcheted up tensions throughout Israel and the Palestinian territories." (It is worth noting that in response to the killing of a Palestinian teenager, Israeli officials sought to find and punish the perpetrators of the crime. When three Israeli teenagers were kidnapped and murdered, the Palestinians celebrated and distributed candy to children. The difference between the responses is the difference between civilization and savagery.) [61297, 61308]

On July 7 the *Chicago Tribune* reports that 82 people were shot, 14 of them fatally, over the Fourth of July weekend in Chicago—despite the city's tough anti-gun laws. "Five of the people were shot by police over 36 hours on Friday and Saturday, including two boys 14 and 16 who were killed when they allegedly refused to drop their guns. Many of the long weekend's shootings were on the South Side, clustered in the Englewood, Roseland, Gresham and West Pullman neighborhoods that rank among the most violent in the city." [61272, 61273]

At AmericanThinker.com Jack Cashill, co-author of *First Strike*, writes that Congress "must reopen the TWA [Flight] 800 investigation." Cashill notes, "Unlike the NTSB, which records interviews, FBI agents simply take notes. As a result, the interviews the agents conducted with the hundreds of eyewitnesses were 'neither thorough nor reliable.' That notwithstanding, the FBI would not allow the NTSB to talk to the witnesses for months, and only then under strained circumstances. Despite its collective lack of know-how, the FBI also kept NTSB investigators away from various pieces of wreckage. FBI agents made a practice, in fact, of screening physical evidence before NTSB investigators could see it and 'withheld wreckage with suspicious damage patterns for unknown periods of time.' In some instances, the FBI took evidence from the reconstruction hangar in Calverton, NY without allowing the NTSB to see it or analyze it. 'These prohibitions

were tantamount to undermining a federal investigation,’ says [former NTSB accident investigator Hank] Hughes, ‘and violated NTSB standard operating procedures and regulations.’ ...The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) also expressed concern about the efforts of [the NTSB’s Dr. David] Mayer and others to alter the [investigation] database. Its coordinator, Rocky Miller, was told ominously by a top NTSB official, ‘If you believe in corporate memory, you will keep your mouth shut.’ ...Contrary to NTSB regulations, Hughes, although a group chairman, was not allowed to write an analysis of what he found. ...Says Hughes, ‘This was the first time in my 26 years as an NTSB accident investigator that I had been ordered not to write an analysis.’” [61737]

“...The most spectacular bit of mischief involved the CIA. The FBI had, for no good reason, commissioned the CIA to create an animation to prove that the 270 eyewitnesses who reported seeing something like a missile saw something other than a missile. The CIA analysts concluded that what they saw was a noseless aircraft rocketing into space for another 3,500 or so feet before crashing into the sea. This scenario, says Hughes unequivocally, ‘is physically impossible given what the FAA radar tracking data shows.’ According to Hughes, the CIA analysts knew this was impossible, but FBI honcho James Kallstrom went ahead and showed the animation at a wrap-up press conference to prove that there was ‘absolutely no evidence’ that a criminal event destroyed the aircraft. At both public NTSB hearings, the first in 1997 and the second in 2000, Kallstrom made sure there was no eyewitness testimony. ‘The suppression of eyewitness accounts at an NTSB hearing was unprecedented,’ says Hughes. ‘This has never occurred before or since the NTSB investigation of TWA Flight 800.’ ...‘During the course of my 42-year career as an investigator,’ Hughes concludes, ‘the investigation of TWA Flight 800 was the only case in which I witnessed deception, lies and corruption on the parts of investigators and their management. The extraordinary measures to which the NTSB, FBI and CIA went to falsify and distort witness statements or accounts of what occurred, to alter and hide physical evidence and to mount a false public relations campaign to misinform the public, was unconscionable.’ Given its need to protect the ‘corporate memory,’ no one really expected the NTSB to open this potentially criminal can of worms on its own. Now it is left to Congress, and if Congress does not act, no one will.” [61737, 61919, 61920]

More than a few witnesses to the July 17, 1996 event swear they saw a missile from off the coast of Long Island shoot upward to meet the jetliner, which then exploded. Additionally, FAA radar operators in New York City picked up an unknown object on their radar screens “merging with TWA Flight 800.” Nevertheless, the Clinton administration did its best to convince the public that the disaster was caused by a fuel tank explosion—rather than a missile. Hughes has stated, “There were 755 witnesses. At no time was information provided by the witnesses shared by the FBI.” Airline Pilots Association accident investigator Jim Speer requested tests for explosives on various pieces of wreckage Speers states that when the tests came back positive, he was “physically removed” by two CIA agents. Like Obama before the terrorist attack on Benghazi, Bill Clinton was engaged in a reelection campaign and did not want the voters to believe he was not protecting them from acts of terrorism. The Clinton administration

also blocked efforts to properly investigate the 1996 crash that supposedly took the life of his Commerce Secretary, Ron Brown. Clinton's ambassador to Croatia, Peter Galbraith, insisted, "The weather yesterday, as the plane flew in, was terrible. In fact, people in Dubrovnik say that this is the worst storm in a decade." That was a lie. Additionally, a 0.45 inch circular hole was found in Brown's head—that looked just like a bullet hole to U.S. Army Lt. Col. David Hause, a medical examiner. At the time of his death, Brown was under investigation by an independent counsel for corruption, leading some to believe that Brown was killed to prevent him from revealing information that might be damaging to the Clintons. At WND.com Cashill wrote, "Under pressure from the White House, authorities would not call in the FBI, nor ask the Brown family to permit an autopsy, nor take the opportunity to look for an exit wound or test for gunshot residue. On that same day, Croatian authorities reported that Niko Jerkuic, the man responsible for the airport's aviation systems, had fatally shot himself in the chest. The USAF was to interview him the next day." (In addition to *First Strike*, Cashill is also the author of *Deconstructing Obama*—in which he convincingly argues that Obama's *Dreams From My Father* was largely ghost-written by William Ayers.) [32375, 36682, 36687, 36693, 36848, 45850, 45851, 45854, 45918, 52366, 53493, 57214, 57884, 61737]

At BostonGlobe.com James Carroll claims "Obama is succeeding" "on foreign policy." Carroll's *sole* argument is that ISIS rebels have not gained access to chemical weapons in Syria, and those still in Iraq from the regime of Saddam Hussein have deteriorated enough to be considered largely unusable by ISIS. (Obama, of course, had nothing to do with the deterioration of the Iraqi stockpiles—in fact, he claims Iraq never had WMDs—and Russia probably had more to do with the removal of some of Syria's chemical weapons than did the United States.) [61275]

Meanwhile, several factions of the Free Syrian Army in Syria pledge allegiance to ISIS. Breitbart.com notes that "The Obama administration has delivered weapons, supplies, and CIA-sponsored training to the Free Syrian Army. United States intelligence analysts estimate that the U.S. has had a hand in training as many as 20,000 FSA rebels. The U.S. reportedly provided the FSA with weapons such as rockets and TOW anti-tank missiles, which were supplied through back-channels in Qatar and Saudi Arabia. The Free Syrian Army originally formed in July, 2011, at the start of the Syrian civil war. The group was initially composed largely of defectors from Bashar al-Assad's Syrian Armed Forces." (Obama, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and many others were fooled into believing that the FSA was among the "moderate" Islamists. Pamela Geller writes, "They are not moderate now and never were moderate. They were only 'moderate' to the weak and feckless John McCain and John Kerry—and to [Obama]. So now we're giving weapons to these jihadis in Syria and opposing them in Iraq. Madness.") [61457, 61458]

At WND.com Jerome Corsi reports, "The retail giant Costco Wholesale has issued an order to remove all copies of Dinesh D'Souza's bestselling book 'America: Imagine the World Without Her' from the shelves of its stores nationwide." As of July 8, D'Souza's book is the number one seller at Amazon.com. Poor sales are therefore not Costco's reason for pulling the book. Costco co-founder and director Jim Sinegal is "a major

Democrat donor and [was] a speaker at the 2012 Democratic National Convention...” In addition, “Costco has given \$100,000 to Obama and another \$100,000 to Priorities USA, the pro-Obama super PAC.” (The incredibly vindictive Obama hates D’Souza—perhaps so much that he may have telephoned Sinegal and demanded that Costco stop selling the books.) [61289, 61326, 61327]

NationalReview.com reports, “Approximately 40 immigrants in detention at one center in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection’s San Diego Sector have active cases of scabies, a source tells National Review Online, and they could soon be spreading it to the general public. A Border Patrol agent who helped process illegal immigrants at the Chula Vista Border Patrol Station on Sunday tells NRO that the 40 immigrants infected with scabies arrived on a plane that landed July 4, carrying about 140 immigrants total. The agent says the people at FEMA who are responsible for doing the medical screening of the immigrants before they’re transferred to California should be fired. ‘Management’s more concerned about processing and getting rid of them as quickly as possible than looking at decontamination,’ the agent says. ‘And [the released illegal immigrants] go out in the community, get on the public transportation, go where they need to go, and it could result in another infestation of scabies being spread everywhere.’ ...Two agents at the Brown Field Border Patrol Station developed rashes on July 3 after processing illegal immigrants from Texas... The immigrants that spread the disease to the agents arrived on the buses that were blocked from entering the Murrieta station last week by local residents...” [61290]

Townhall.com reports, “The National Organization of Women (NOW) has compiled a list of what they’re calling the ‘Dirty 100’—organizations who have filed suit against the HHS Contraception Mandate. One of the ‘Dirty 100’ organizations that NOW claims is simply ‘using religion’ to discriminate against women, is, in fact, a group of Catholic religious sisters called the Little Sisters of the Poor.” (Leftists charge that the Little Sisters of the Poor nuns should not be exempt from the ObamaCare mandate because they provide care not just for elderly, poor Catholics, but elderly, poor non-Catholics as well. Their generosity apparently makes them insufficiently religious for the Obama administration, which has been sued by the nuns.) [61299, 61356]

WashingtonPost.com reports that the trial of Benghazi attacker Ahmed Abu Khattala will be presided over by Judge Christopher “Casey” Cooper, who was only recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate. “Cooper, 47, was part of the Obama administration’s transition team and is one of the more connected people in D.C. legal circles. His wife, Amy Jeffress, is a former national security adviser to Attorney General Eric Holder. She previously ran the national security section of the U.S. Attorney’s Office that has charged Khattala, and mentored the lead prosecutor on the case, Michael DiLorenzo. As an undergraduate at Yale, Cooper’s roommate and close friend was John Rice, brother of ...Obama’s National Security Adviser Susan Rice. ...With his father-in-law, Cooper successfully defended senior Saudi government officials in a lawsuit brought by families of victims in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.” (In other words, “the fix may be in.” Cooper might be expected to do his best to ensure that testimony that may be critical of the

Obama administration is kept to a minimum during the trial—if it is permitted at all.) [61340]

A third Department of Homeland Security airplane full of illegal immigrants who had entered the United States in Texas lands in California. Whether they will be bused to Murietta, California is not yet known. (If their original destination was Murietta, it was changed. The Obama administration has not explained who is responsible for deciding how many illegal immigrants or provided the criteria for those decisions.)

According to a Newsradio 1200 WOAI source, “as many as 300,000 Central American immigrants are now ‘en route’ to the United States through Mexico, and the Department of Defense has asked military bases around the country to find 180 barracks, holding centers, and other facilities to house the flood which is not expected to stop coming any time soon.” [61320, 61321]

According to theBlaze.com, Texas Governor Rick Perry “has reportedly rejected ...offer to briefly shake hands when Air Force One lands in Austin on Wednesday [July 9]. Instead, the governor came back with a counteroffer. ‘I appreciate the offer to greet you at Austin-Bergstrom Airport, but a quick handshake on the tarmac will not allow for a thoughtful discussion regarding the humanitarian and national security crises enveloping the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas,’ Perry wrote in a letter to Obama. ‘I would instead offer to meet with you at any time during your visit to Texas for a substantive meeting to discuss this critical issue.’” [61307, 61319, 61328, 61360]

According to a Rasmussen poll, 46 percent of likely U.S. voters “believe the Obama administration has prompted the flood of illegal immigrant children at the border, and most want them sent back home right away.” Thirty-one percent disagree, and 23 percent are not sure. [61310, 61311]

On July 8 Obama asks Congress for \$3.7 billion to address the illegal immigrant children crisis by providing more housing, health care, transportation, free legal services for immigrants (\$18 million), and \$200,000 for a bi-lingual media specialist. (The \$3.7 billion requested also includes funds for fighting wildfires.) He makes no commitment to use the money for deportations, and almost none of the \$3.7 billion will go toward improving border security. (Obama has no intention of deporting more than a few of the illegal immigrants. He will deport just enough to claim he is addressing the problem, and blame the courts and Congress for tying his hands.) The U.S.-Mexico border is approximately 2,000 miles. If the \$3.7 billion were applied to border security, about \$1.85 million would be available. (The per-mile amount would actually be higher, because some portions of the border are virtually impassable.) If Republicans in the House agree to the request for funds, they would be wise to demand from Obama some promises to act to stop the illegal entry of Central Americans, and not just use the cash to bus them around the United States. [61316, 61330, 61333, 61335, 61344, 61393, 61420, 61434, 61665]

Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) states, “Most of the money requested in [Obama’s] supplemental seems geared towards processing Central Americans than stopping the surge itself.” Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) states, “I’d be happy to give [Obama] \$3.7 billion to secure the border if I thought he’d actually do it. But time and again ...Obama has shown that he cares more about the interests of illegal immigrants than of law abiding citizens.” [61420]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “Border Patrol agents working in Arizona, California and Texas continue to be overwhelmed as thousands of unaccompanied children from Central America flood into the United States illegally. As a result, thousands of Border Patrol agents have been pulled off of patrolling the border and into processing facilities where they are making meals, changing bed sheets and babysitting.” Pavlich posts July 3 and July 6 photographs of drug smugglers wearing backpacks full of drugs crossing the Arizona desert. “They are considered dangerous and are operating without impunity as [border] agents continue to be overwhelmed with paperwork in warehouses [where illegal immigrant children are being handled].” Pavlich also reports, “With the system being overwhelmed, Border Patrol agents are concerned about minors who have admitted to being MS-13 [Mara Salvatrucha] members, a brutal street gang from El Salvador that has been successful in infiltrating American communities. Agents are also concerned about minors who have committed acts like torture and murder in their home countries before heading north to the United States. ‘We have six minors in Nogales who have admitted to killing and doing grievous bodily injuries. One admitted to killing as young as eight years old,’ an agent tells Townhall anonymously for fear of losing his job for speaking out. ‘They are being held for placement in the U.S. ‘...But remember, this is a ‘humanitarian crisis.’ They are just kids,’ he said in a frustrated and sarcastic tone. ‘They are MS-13 gang members. They’ve done everything from torture to murder. They act as teenage ‘enforcers.’” [61312, 61313, 61314]

At Breitbart.com Caroline May reports, “More than half of legal and illegal immigrant households from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras are on at least one form of public assistance, according to an analysis of government data by a limited immigration group. ...Some 57 percent of households headed by an El Salvadoran used one such major welfare program, as did 54 percent of Honduran households and 49 percent of Guatemalan households. By comparison, 24 percent of households headed by a native-born American used at least one of these programs.” (The majority of the illegal immigrants currently crossing from Mexico into Texas are from those three countries.) [61318]

Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) tells reporters, “Let’s say you build a [border] fence, just hypothetically, and you saw five hundred children standing at the fence, and you saw them standing there 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours, 96 hours. There’s a fence there and they can’t go anywhere and they stay there. What do you do. This is a humanitarian crisis, not a—these are children who are being used, or children who are fleeing from what they perceive to be danger. The issue is, most of these children, as I understand, are not sneaking across the border. Most of these children are wanting [sic; want] to be taken

into custody. And yes you could build a fence so they could just stand at the fence, and they're—one was a four-year-old child.” (In other words, “Just let them all in, no questions asked, with no regard to what they will cost U.S. taxpayers.”) [61372]

While Obama asks for \$3.7 billion to deal with immigrants after they cross the border, Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) says on CIN's *Crossfire*, “Look, for \$8 million, we can put them all on a first-class seat back to their homes. That's \$8 million. That's a first-class seat, one way, to each of their homes. ...Number two is, if we can't do that, the Border Patrol is as bad as the V.A. And by the way, the vast majority of Border Patrol are not patrolling the border right now. They're involved in the humanitarian crisis. ...Once they [illegal immigrant children] move out of the detention center and they go to family or other friends or other relatives or whoever, less than three percent will show up for their hearing. So they're in the country. They won't be deported. And that's what has people riled.” [61373]

Not only will the children not be deported, the Obama administration will use taxpayer money to deliver them to relatives living in the United States—and not even take action if those relatives are in the country illegally. A December 20, 2013 NationalReview.com article by Hans A. von Spakovsky is worth noting: “On December 13, federal district court Judge Andrew S. Hanen of Brownsville, Texas, issued his order in *U.S. v. Nava-Martinez*. It described in shocking detail the malfeasance of the government. Mirtha Veronica Nava-Martinez, an admitted human trafficker and resident alien, pleaded guilty to attempting to smuggle a ten-year-old El Salvadoran girl into the U.S. This was Nava-Martinez's second felony offense; she was convicted of food-stamp fraud in 2011. She was caught at the Brownsville & Matamoros Bridge checkpoint in Texas, after being hired by ‘persons unknown’ to smuggle the girl into the U.S. The girl's mother, Patricia Elizabeth Salmeron Santos, is an illegal alien living in Virginia. She had solicited the unknown smugglers to get her daughter from El Salvador to the U.S. for the agreed-upon price of \$8,500. ...After the child was taken into custody, DHS agents learned that the mother had ‘instigated this illegal conduct.’ Yet DHS delivered the child to the mother and took no enforcement action: ‘It did not arrest her. It did not prosecute her. It did not even initiate deportation proceedings for her.’ As the judge said, ‘instead of enforcing the laws of the United States, the Government took direct steps to help the individuals who violated it,’ conduct for which any ‘private citizen would, and should, be prosecuted.’ What especially angered the judge was that this was the fourth case of this nature that he ‘had in as many weeks.’ ...While the court ‘is not blind to the needs of a minor child,’ a concern for common decency does not compel the government ‘to not only aid, but also reward an individual for initiating a scheme to break the laws governing the border security of this country.’ And it does not compel ‘the Government to aid the drug cartels who control this human trafficking.’ ...The court ends with a stern admonition to the Obama administration: ‘The DHS should enforce the laws of the United States—not break them.’” [61480]

NPR.org reports, “Scientists cleaning out an old laboratory on the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Md., last week [July 1] came across a startling discovery:

vials labeled ‘variola’—in other words, smallpox. Under international convention, there are supposed to be only two stashes of this deadly virus: one at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, and another at a similar facility in Russia. The CDC swooped in to collect the vials and carted them off to a secure lab at its Atlanta headquarters.” (On July 11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that at least two of the six vials contained viable samples of the deadly virus.) According to FDA.gov, the investigation also “found 12 boxes containing a total of 327 carefully packaged vials labeled with names of various biological agents such as dengue, influenza, Q fever, and rickettsia.” At HotAir.com Mary Katharine Ham notes, “The smallpox incident is the third dangerous disease flub made by federal government over the last three months. The first involved the potential exposure of 75 employees to anthrax. In the second, the CDC shipped a strain of very dangerous avian flu to the Department of Agriculture thinking it was a more innocuous animal flu virus. There are now some new rules for dealing with dangerous diseases, though it doesn’t seem employees were adhering to the original rules, so I’m not sure what difference it will make.” [61705, 61706, 61707, 61708, 61709]

Obama campaigns for his agenda in Colorado, but Senator Mark Udall (D-CO), Democrat Governor John Hickenlooper, and Democrat Congressional candidate Andrew Romanoff elect not to be seen with Obama in public. Udall appears only privately with Obama, at a fundraiser. (Both Udall and Hickenlooper face tough reelection battles. Some might think that Romanoff, a first-time Congressional candidate, would welcome a chance to be seen with the Oval Office occupant—but Romanoff thought otherwise.) [61324, 61358, 61385]

While in Denver, Obama’s motorcade is greeted by a “Free Weed for Obama” sign; Obama shakes the hand of a man wearing a horse’s head (the caption, “Horse, meet horse’s ass,” may come to mind); Obama shoots pool with Governor Hickenlooper and has dinner at the Wazee Supper Club; Obama smiles when offered a “hit of weed;” Obama fist bumps a gorilla statue. (The cost to the taxpayers for the “official” trip is not known.) [61359, 61383, 61384]

Obama tells the Colorado audience, “We made our tax code fairer. We cut our deficits by more than half. We’ve given millions more Americans the security of health care that means you won’t go broke just because you get sick. So, thanks to the hard work of you, and some actually pretty smart policies by us, we have come farther and advanced faster than almost any other advanced nation on Earth. More companies are choosing to bring back jobs from overseas, thanks to our leadership, technology and innovation. For the first time in more than a decade, business leaders from around the world have declared, ‘China’s not the number one place to invest, the United States is.’ And our lead is growing. So, despite what you may hear, there is no doubt we are making progress. By almost every measure, we are better off than when I took office. By almost every measure.” (Of course, Obama neglects to mention that he first tripled the annual deficit before cutting it by about one-half—and while he had a lot to do with the tripling he had little to do with the halving. And while some Americans won’t go broke because they

have ObamaCare, others may go broke because they are forced to pay premiums they would not have agreed to if they had a choice in the matter. Setting his poor grammar aside, Obama does not explain what *he* did to make the United States “come farther and advanced faster than almost any other advanced nation on Earth;” he simply takes credit for the “smart policies.” Obama’s claim, “For the first time in more than a decade, business leaders from around the world have declared, ‘China’s not the number one place to invest, the United States is,’” is total nonsense. Ireland is the number one choice for business investment because of its low corporate tax rate. The United States does not even make the top ten in a Forbes survey. The U.S. lead not only does not exist, it is certainly not “growing,” as Obama claims. The United States ranked 12th in 2012 and 14th in 2013. It ranked 2nd in 2009—and then Obama policies went into effect. WND.com notes, “At the end of last January, the Treasury Department’s Bureau of the Public Debt reported the figure had reached \$17,293,019,654,983.61—an increase of \$6,666,142,606,070.53 since Obama’s first inauguration.”) [61395, 61396, 61397, 61405]

In addition to bragging about how he made almost everything in the nation better since he entered the White House, he also predictably blames the Republicans for blocking his agenda at every step. He does not explain how, “By almost every measure, we are better off than when I took office,” is compatible with, “The Republicans in Congress right now will do anything to score points for those at the top, or to try to score political points political points on me. Even if the obstruction keeps the system rigged against the middle class.” Obama does reluctantly admit, “I don’t think that they’re all terrible people.” [61405]

In an editorial at Breitbart.com, Sarah Palin writes, “It’s time to impeach” Obama. “Many now feel like strangers in their own land. It’s the American worker who is forced to deal with Obama’s latest crisis with our hard-earned tax dollars while middle class wages decrease, sustainable jobs get more scarce, and communities become unrecognizable and bankrupted due to Obama’s flood of illegal immigration. ...The many impeachable offenses of Barack Obama can no longer be ignored. If after all this he’s not impeachable, then no one is.” [61329, 61334]

The Associated Press reports, “The Israeli military launched a major offensive in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Tuesday, striking more than 100 sites and mobilizing troops for a possible ground invasion in what Israel says is an operation aimed at stopping a heavy barrage of rocket attacks from the Palestinian territory. ...The military said the open-ended operation aims to deliver a blow against the Islamic militant group, and end the rocket fire that has reached deeper into Israel in recent days.” Cabinet minister for internal security Yitzhak Aharonovitch states, “It won’t end in a day and it won’t end in two days. It will take time. If we need to go inside in a ground operation, then we will do it. These things are on the table. These options exist. We will not stop anything until the rocket firing ends.” Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon states, “We will not tolerate rocket fire on Israel cities, and we are preparing to expand the operation with everything at our disposal to strike Hamas.” [61331]

As a result of consumer outrage, Costco reverses its decision to stop selling Dinesh D'Souza's book, *America: Imagine the World Without Her* and states it will restock the bestseller "within two weeks." Gerald Molen, co-producer of D'Souza's movie of the same name, tells *The Kelly File's* Megyn Kelly, "Why wait the two weeks? Why not do it right now? Why not show the American people that they mean what they say? I'll be suspect until I see it happen, and even then I'll always be a little suspect of why they did this in the first place." [61336, 61339, 61341]

WesternJournalism.com reports that Attorney General Eric Holder has filed suit against the state of North Carolina to block its legislation that limits early voting to 10 days and eliminates same-day voter registration. Holder claims the law is "discriminatory." (He does not explain how a law that applies to *all* residents, regardless of race or gender, can be discriminatory—or why it is terrible to expect Americans to register to vote before election day.) [61337]

Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) forgets how to get to the Senate GOP luncheon—despite having been attending the weekly event in the same room for decades. According to *TheHill.com*, "Cochran didn't seem to realize he was in the wrong place until someone in the room asked him if he was planning to join the Democrats for lunch." (Cochran's failing mental faculties may be why the GOP establishment fought so hard to help him win his primary race against challenger Chris McDaniel: Cochran will vote whatever way the GOP leadership tells him to vote.) [61351, 61352]

According to a Quinnipiac poll, Hillary Clinton's support among Democrat primary voters has fallen to 58 percent—from 69 percent in another poll before her book, *Hard Choices*, was released. [61353, 61354]

A caller to Rush Limbaugh's radio program says, "My husband Eddie is on the phone with us. We live in Southern California, and we're Catholic, active Catholics in our community, and there was a town hall meeting last evening, [an] emergency meeting called by our local parish priest, ordered by our bishop [unintelligible] and the Archdiocese of San Bernardino. They have made the decision that they're going to absorb the immigrants that are coming through because the federal government called the bishop's office on Monday and they're gonna be busing these immigrants to our communities and asking us to open our homes and to house them for up to a month. The church will reimburse us for any out-of-pocket expenses and we were told not to talk to anybody about it, especially the media. I'm not especially happy about it. My husband is a retired doctor, and he will share his concerns with you regarding this matter. Eddie, do you want to go ahead and talk about your thoughts?" Eddie adds, "I'm very concerned about the health care crisis that we're facing [with] these illegal aliens that are coming into the United States. Doctors are being asked not to talk to the media, they're on gag orders, both doctors and nurses, and we got a big problem because there are a lot of diseases that can come through this border bringing all kinds of stuff... [T]he lice won't kill you, but Ebola will, and so will gonorrhea and there's syphilis and AIDS and

hepatitis and diphtheria and polio, meningitis, and this new corona virus coming in from the Middle East...” [61338]

FoxNews.com’s Todd Starnes reports, “[L]ate yesterday—word came down that the Department of Health and Human Services would allow members of the media to tour one of the [illegal immigrant holding] camps. However—there were a few restrictions, reporters could not bring recording devices. They would not be allowed to ask any questions and they would not be allowed to speak with any staff members or children. Folks—this is what we call an old-fashioned dog and pony show. One lawmaker blasted the administration’s gag order calling it a violation of the First Amendment. You would think [Obama,] who once taught constitutional law would know better.” [61342]

Obama caves in and agrees to take time from his fundraising activities in Texas to meet with Governor Rick Perry. (Perry has asked for a “substantive” meeting. Whether that is what Obama will give him remains to be seen.) [61343]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The Environmental Protection Agency has quietly floated a rule claiming authority to bypass the courts and unilaterally garnish paychecks of those accused of violating its rules, a power currently used by agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service. The EPA has been flexing its regulatory muscle under President Obama, collecting more fines each year and hitting individuals with costly penalties for violating environmental rules, including recently slapping a \$75,000 fine on Wyoming homeowner Andy Johnson for building a pond on his rural property.” (In other words, Americans would not be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law; the EPA would simply declare the violator guilty and have the IRS start withholding penalties from paychecks and tax returns.) [61361]

United Nations officials call on the United States to treat the illegal immigrants crossing the border as refugees. They are not refugees, which is a legal term defining people who flee armed conflicts and wars. Refugee status would prevent the United States from deporting them. (Some might argue that the “refugees” should be transported to U.N. headquarters in New York City—so that the U.N. officials can feed and clothe them and treat their diseases.) Whether they are officially designated as refugees, there are no doubt some in the Obama administration and the mainstream media who will use the term anyway—as a means of appealing to Americans’ emotions rather than reason. “It’s for the children” is often an effective counter to, “We simply don’t have any more money!” In any event, few of them will be deported, because Obama has no intention of enforcing the law. [61349, 61350]

WatchdogWire.com reports, “The current crisis on the southern border, involving tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, has now become a concern for Michiganders who live in a rural community with less than 3000 people. Wolverine Human Services, a social services agency which typically helps needy Michigan children, is in the process of securing a contract and negotiating with the Office of Refugee Resettlement to bring between 60-120 male illegal immigrants,

between the ages of 12–17, to the small city of Vassar without any input from residents of the community. About 100 concerned citizens, some bearing signs, gathered outside the Vassar City Hall last night to let public officials know what they think.” Congresswoman Candice Miller (R-MI) states, “The ongoing humanitarian crisis at our southern border is quickly spreading across our nation as the Administration begins transferring these illegal immigrants across our nation, including potentially here to Michigan. This crisis began when ...Obama acted outside the law offering legal status to children who entered America illegally along with their parents. This caused many throughout Central America and Mexico to believe that all children needed to do was reach our border and they could stay, and so countless thousands began to send their children on the harrowing journey north. ...In addition, it is imperative that the people being apprehended at the border not be released from custody because if they are, it is very unlikely they will ever return for immigration hearings on their status, and they will disappear into society.” [61369, 61370, 61371, 61437, 61632, 61648, 61725]

The Obama administration shows no signs of letting up in its criticisms and actions against Israel. In Tel Aviv, an Obama Middle East advisor, Philip Gordon, attends the *Haaretz* newspaper’s Israel Conference on Peace, and says, “Israel confronts an undeniable reality: It cannot maintain military control of another people indefinitely. Doing so is not only wrong but a recipe for resentment and recurring instability. It will embolden extremists on both sides, tear at Israel’s democratic fabric and feed mutual dehumanization. ...How will Israel remain democratic and Jewish if it attempts to govern the millions of Palestinian Arabs who live in the West Bank? How will it have peace if it’s unwilling to delineate a border, end the occupation and allow for Palestinian sovereignty, security and dignity? How will we prevent other states from supporting Palestinian efforts in international bodies, if Israel is not seen as committed to peace?” Laughably, Gordon says, “Israel should not take for granted the opportunity to negotiate such a peace with [Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud] Abbas, who has shown time and again that he’s committed to non-violence and co-existence and cooperation with Israel.” Like Obama, Gordon calls on Israel to return to its indefensible pre-1967 “Auschwitz borders.” Like Obama, Gordon refers to Israeli land as “occupied,” when it was land won in the 1967 war. There is no “occupation.” (To demand that Israeli relinquish that territory is tantamount to demanding that the United States give Texas back to Mexico. Gordon is mistaken. Israel has no desire to “maintain military control” over some Palestinians indefinitely. It merely holds control as a self-defense measure. When the Palestinians stop lobbing rockets into Israel, the Israeli Defense Force can stand down. Further, Israel is not “unwilling” to delineate a border—if that border is respected. But when Hamas holds as one of its primary functions the destruction of Israel and the killing of its Jews, Israel can hardly be expected to accept the demands of the Palestinians.) [61345, 61390]

Meanwhile, Obama writes an anti-Israel editorial for *Hareetz* in which he claims, “In President Abbas, Israel has a counterpart committed to a two-state solution and security cooperation with Israel.” (That is total nonsense. Abbas merely appears “moderate” in public and cannot be trusted to enforce the terms of any deal that is negotiated.) Obama argues that the proper response to the murder of three Israeli teenagers by Hamas would

be an Israeli commitment to a free Palestinian state, not retaliation. (Some may wonder how Obama would react if Canada bombarded Washington, D.C. on a daily basis and murdered U.S. citizens.) Obama urges restraint as Israel defends itself against continuing barrages of rocket attacks from Hamas: “All parties must protect the innocent and act with reasonableness and restraint, not vengeance and retribution.” (Responding to repeated attacks is not “vengeance,” it is self-defense.) Pamela Gellar writes, “The Islamic State is tearing through the Middle East conquering one city, one town after another. Jihad groups across Africa wage holy bloody war in Nigeria, CAR, Kenya and beyond. Hamas continues its barrage of rockets against the tiny Jewish state. In the midst of this jihad onslaught, Obama is writing strongly worded opeds praising the jihadists while backhandedly scolding Israel. ...Bloodthirsty jihadists are tearing through the Middle East and Obama urges the good guys not to fight back. This is not just Israel’s war. This is the fight in defense of freedom for all people. ...[W]ar is raging and he wants our closest ally not to defend herself. Obama is unabashed in his antisemitism. Shocking. Creepy. Evil.” [61346, 61347, 61348, 61516]

YnetNews.com writes, “A report by the BBC shows that Palestinian supporters are using fake images to illustrate the suffering in Gaza. ‘Graphic images are being shared on social media to show how people have been affected by the renewed tensions between Israel and the Palestinians,’ the BBC reported. ‘Over the past week the hashtag #GazaUnderAttack has been used hundreds of thousands of times, often to distribute pictures claiming to show the effects of Israeli airstrikes on Gaza.’ The hashtag has received 375,000 retweets in eight days. The network found that several graphic photos, that spread through social media purporting [sic; purporting] to show killed Gazans and destruction caused by IAF strikes in recent days, were actually photos taken several years ago, some of which were in other war areas like Syria and Iraq.” [61391, 61392]

At a House hearing, Veterans Administration employee Scott Davis says, “The harassment I’ve experienced... from top levels of management include: my whistleblower complaint to White House deputy chief of staff Rob Nabors was leaked to my manager... who stated in writing that she was contacting me... My employment records were illegally altered... I was illegally placed on a permanent work detail... I was placed on involuntary administrative leave, curiously, at the same time... Unfortunately, my experience is not unique at VA. Darren and Eileen Owens who work at the Atlanta VA medical center have experienced the same retaliation for reporting medical errors and patient neglect as well as misconduct by senior VA police officials. Our local 518 union president... is routinely harassed as a direct consequence of assisting me and other disabled federal employees with retaliatory action by members of management.” (HotAir.com asks, “How exactly did Davis’ name get from Nabors’ office to his manager? Congress had better take a close look at that leak, because it strongly suggests that the White House may have interfered with the investigation rather than tried to solve the problems at the VA. That could be a case of incompetence, or it could be something else entirely—but either way, Congress needs to hold the White House accountable for it, even if that only means public exposure for now.) [61421, 61422]

On July 9 Congressman Henry Cuellar (D-TX) appears on *Fox & Friends* and again calls on Obama to visit the Texas-Mexico border “right after he finishes his fundraising.” Cuellar admits that his comments earned him a telephone call from the White House, but refuses to say who he spoke with or provide details. He says, “I’m more concerned not about who gets angry at me at the White House, I’m more concerned about my constituents that [sic; who] want to find a practical solution to this question that we’re facing down there at the border.” [61355]

Appearing on MSNBC as well, Cuellar says, “[Obama is] so close to the border [while fundraising in Texas]. And let me say this: when I saw, and I hate to use the word bizarre, but under the circumstances, when he is shown playing pool in Colorado, drinking a beer, and he can’t even go 242 miles to the Texas border, and plus, if he doesn’t want to go down to the border, there’s the [Lackland] Air Force Base where HHS is holding some of the young kids from the border. He could at least make that trip to San Antonio, but again, border community leaders wants to see him down there on the border, and I think the optics and the substance of it is that he should show up at the border. ...If they [in the White House] are worried about putting a face, [Obama’s] face, to this human crisis, humanitarian crisis, I think it’s worse if he doesn’t even show up. Either way, he’s going to be tied into this humanitarian crisis. He either can roll up his sleeves and go down to the border, or he can just look aloof and detached and not go to the border, send surrogates down there, and say that he’s got everything under control. It just floored me, because if he’s saying he’s too busy to go to the border but you have time to drink beer, play pool.” [61375]

On MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, co-host Mike Brzezinski practically bursts into tears when she has to read a news story about the increasing talk of impeachment. Newsbusters.org reports the conversation between Brzezinski and panelist Mike Barnicle: “Now we have this, given all that we’re talking about here, renewed talk of—I’m going to read this straight,” says Brzezinski. Barnicle: “Ughh. You really are?” Brzezinski: “I am. Hold on. Just give me a second.” Barnicle: “Want me to hold your hand while you do it?” Brzezinski: “There’s renewed talk of [Obama’s] impeachment... so I want to highlight something. I’m not laughing. This scares me actually. It’s disturbing. I’m sorry. I’m not trying to be—that whole sound bite [of Sarah Palin calling for Obama’s impeachment] that we just played and the impact I know it has really scares me.” [61417, 61418, 61420]

Even Andrea Mitchell, one of MSNBC’s many Obama sycophants, reluctantly admits that Obama is failing with his handling of the border crisis. While interviewing Cecilia Muñoz, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, Mitchell says, “[T]he administration did not stay ahead of this. The impression—the reality is—that the White House has been slow to react. ...So far, the politics aren’t working and the substance isn’t working. Somebody’s got to revisit this.” (The next day Mitchell asks, “Did the White House underestimate this issue? It seems as though they’re always reacting to the VA, to this crisis, to that crisis... rather than anticipating that this was developing along the border.”) [61419, 61441, 61475]

Also on MSNBC, host Michael Eric Dyson goes ballistic over Sarah Palin's call for Obama to be impeached, calling her statements "treasonous accusations."
(Newsbusters.org's Scott Whitlock notes that Dyson himself once called for George W. Bush's impeachment, even signing a petition demanding his removal from office.)
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Obama arrives in Texas for three fundraisers in Austin and Dallas. (Governor Rick Perry does meet Obama at the airport in Austin, and Obama does spend some time with Perry—about 15 minutes—discussing the border crisis.) Obama's Austin fundraiser is at the home of filmmaker Robert Rodriguez—a supporter of illegal immigration, who earns his millions making ultra-violent exploitation movies like *Machete* and *Machete Kills*. (Leftist celebrities attending the event include Jessica Alba, Demi Lovato, Rosario Dawson, and Danny Trejo.) A July 10 fundraiser is at the home of Aimee Boone Cunningham, an abortion supporter with the Center for Reproductive Rights. [61357, 61380]

Obama holds a news conference in Dallas, in which he calls for Congress to give him no-strings approval of the \$3.7 billion he has asked for to handle illegal immigrants crossing the border. He says, "There's a very simple question here. Congress needs to just pass the supplemental." (Technically, that is not a question; it is a demand.) Obama chastises Republicans for not passing "comprehensive immigration reform" (amnesty) legislation, criticizes them for being unwilling to compromise, and offers no indication that he is willing to compromise. He ridicules the idea of sending National Guard troops to the border, saying it is not a permanent solution. (In other words, Obama has no intention of beefing up border security, and thinks "stopping the bleeding" is a waste of time.) He says of his meeting with Governor Rick Perry, "What I emphasized to the governor is the problem here is not a major disagreement around the actions that could be helpful in dealing with the problem. The challenge is, is Congress prepared to act to put the resources in place to get this done?" (The problem actually *is* a major disagreement. Conservatives want to stop illegal immigrants from entering the United States, and Obama wants money to deal with them after he allows them in.) Obama explains that he will not visit the border because "this is not theater" and he does not want to engage in nothing more than a "photo-op." (He says that not long after staged Denver photo-ops at a restaurant and a pool hall.) Despite increasing opposition to his refusal to enforce border security, Obama seems unwilling to change course. He is apparently convinced that he can use the issue to rally enough Hispanic voters in November to prevent the Republicans from gaining control of the Senate, and will paint the GOP as mean-spirited and anti-children all the way to November 4. [61368, 61374, 61379, 61401, 61406, 61433]

Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) responds to Obama's press statement conference: "Texans do not need a lecture from a man who refuses to even see the crisis firsthand. ...Obama can fundraise and issue statements; Texans will work to solve the problem." [61379]

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) comments, “I can’t see how I can support this [Obama request for \$3.7 billion]. Just look at the numbers. If you take \$3.7 billion and divide it by 52,000 children [who have crossed the border since October], that’s \$71,000 per person. I’ve gone online and have taken a look on Orbitz and taken a look at what does it cost to fly people to El Salvador and Guatemala and Honduras. You have fares as low as \$207. There’s [sic; there are] nonstop flights at \$450. You take those numbers and it costs somewhere between \$11 million and \$30 million to return people in a very humane fashion. We can put them up in a hotel room and make sure they get a shower and feed them.” It would also “send the signal to the folks in Central America that you can’t come into America [illegally] and expect to stay.” [61381]

KPHO.com posts a letter to Obama written by Many Ann Mendoza, whose son was killed when hit by an illegal immigrant driver. Mendoza writes, in part, “As a tax paying, law abiding citizen of the United States, I WANT my voice heard on this issue. My son, Sergeant Brandon Mendoza, an officer who was with the City of Mesa, Arizona police department, was killed in a tragic head on collision on May 12, 2014 by a wrong way driver on our freeways. This man happened to be an illegal immigrant, was in this country illegally, convicted of previous crimes, no Social Security number, no valid driver's license BUT he had purchased a vehicle and registered it to drive in Maricopa County Arizona. I had my son’s life STOLEN from me by a man who didn’t value his life, was 3X the legal limit drunk, was high on Meth, drove for over 35 miles THE WRONG WAY on 4 different freeways and had NO BUSINESS BEING IN THIS COUNTRY!!! The Federal Government knew he, Raul Silva Corona, was an illegal immigrant when he was convicted on crimes in 1994 in Colorado. The prosecutors were ‘lenient’ on him and several charges were dismissed. When he was convicted of these crimes and 1994 and the government knew he was in the country illegally, why wasn’t he deported? Why are any of these illegal criminals in this country ??” [61500, 61501]

At PJMedia.com Andrew Klavan writes, “[Y]es, I do believe Obama has a radical’s dislike of the country that has given him everything he is and has and that he wants to make us less of a power in the world. But who cares what he wants? I can virtually guarantee you our power is not going anywhere for at least a century or so. We are far, far more mighty and durable than people think. By not asserting American force, Obama can cause the death and oppression of many innocent people in far off lands—he already has. But as soon as we have a patriotic president again, our power will reassert itself and bring some sort of order back to the world. In fact, I would predict that almost everything Obama has done in his time in office will vanish without a trace within a decade or two. Obamacare, the clown car foreign policy, the corruption... I think it has caused some problems and will cause some more, but then I think we’ll shrug it all off and move on. ... Many people on the right think Obama is an Evil Leftist Genius. Not me. I think he is a hapless putz. I think his ideas are all wrong, his application of his ideas is incompetent, and the chaos that he causes with his wrongness and incompetence will not lead in the direction he thinks it will. I think when the history of the 21st century is written, Obama will not merit more than a single line. Even the fact that he was the first black president may come to seem irrelevant in a couple of decades. In which case, he will not merit any line at all. The guy is just a sad little schmuck who played cynical politics well and got

promoted way above his competence. His policies won't change the face of the nation. They'll just make a mess that those who come after him will have to clean up." [62155]

NYPost.com reports, "In a stunning display of callousness, the Defense Department has announced that thousands of soldiers—many serving as commanding officers in Afghanistan—will be notified in the coming weeks that their service to the country is no longer needed. Last week, more than 1,100 Army captains—the men and women who know best how to fight this enemy because they have experienced multiple deployments—were told they'll be retired from the Army. The overall news is not unexpected. The Army has ended its major operations in Iraq and is winding down in Afghanistan. Budget cuts are projected to shrink the Army from its current 520,000 troops to 440,000, the smallest size since before World War II. What is astonishing is that the Defense Department thought it would be appropriate to notify deployed soldiers—men and women risking their lives daily in combat zones—that they'll be laid off after their current deployment." (Remarkably, the Obama administration is "sending pink slips" to soldiers *while they are still on the battlefield* in Afghanistan. Obama apparently does not believe that having to worry about staying alive is enough stress for a soldier; he wants to pile on the stress of worrying about finding a job—when those men and women are not in the position of being able to update resumes or go on job interviews. Army wives not only have to worry about whether their husbands will come back alive, they will have to worry about whether he can provide for his family. No commander in chief with any decency in his heart would allow such a policy.) [61466, 61467, 61468, 61600]

NavyTimes.com reports, "Well-trained attackers executed the deadly dawn assault on a CIA complex in Benghazi, Libya, suggesting different perpetrators from those who penetrated the U.S. diplomatic mission the previous night, according to newly revealed testimony from top military commanders. The initial attack, on Sept. 11, 2012, killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and communications specialist Sean Smith and set the mission ablaze. Nearly eight hours later at the CIA complex nearby, two more Americans, contract security officers Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, died in a mortar attack that showed clear military training, retired Gen. Carter Ham told Congress in closed-door testimony earlier this year. The House Armed Services Committee released the testimony Wednesday." Examiner.com's Jim Kouri adds, "The testimony is expected to clear up the mystery surrounding ...Obama's and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's communications with members of the so-called national security team and their response—or lack of response—that is leading to [a] special House of Representatives select committee. The congressional investigation and hearings have already strongly suggested that the Obama administration made inaccurate statements about the attacks. 'In other words, Obama, Hillary Clinton, and others lied through their teeth in the aftermath of the Benghazi bloodbath by blaming a dumb video. And they still use verbal gymnastics whenever questions about the attacks are broached,' said former intelligence officer and police detective Michael Snopes. The closed-door testimony clarifies what appears to be truth from the point of view of the military commanders involved: that the terrorist attack was actually two separate, though related, terrorist attacks on two separate installations by two separate groups over two days. ...The military officer assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Libya's capital city of Tripoli informed Congress that the first terrorist

ambush showed some advance planning and knowledge of tactical operations. Gen. Ham told lawmakers that the attack on the CIA facility, that left security officers Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty dead, suggested military training. ‘Given the precision of the attack, it was a well-trained mortar crew, and in my estimation they probably had a well-trained observer,’ said Ham, who headed the U.S. command in Africa, according to *Navy Times*.” [61523, 61524]

The Middle East Research Institute uncovers a Taliban Twitter message that shows a smiling Bowe Bergdahl posing with a senior commander of the Haqqani network. [61462, 61463]

WorldTribune.com reports that the Obama administration “has been identifying Muslims in the military in an effort to encourage their presence. Officials said the Defense Department has been keeping records and tracking Muslims. They said the administration sought to attract Muslims both to the military and to the Pentagon. ‘Our nation and our entire military family remain stronger because of the service and sacrifice of people of all faiths, including the thousands of patriotic Muslim Americans who have served and still serve in this long period of war,’ Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work said last week.” (Obama has apparently forgotten—or does not care—about the risk of “insider jihad,” such as that perpetrated at Fort Hood, Texas by Major Nidal Malik Hasan on November 5, 2009.) [5930, 5939, 5942, 5943, 5944, 5973, 5977, 5984, 6048, 6165, 61508, 61509]

Israel continues its air strikes against Hamas targets. According to *WashingtonPost.com*, “Israeli aircraft are targeting houses in the Gaza Strip as never before, firing precision missiles into family living rooms. They have killed at least five known militants with the tactic—but they appear to have killed more civilians, including a growing number of women and children. Israeli defense officials say their mission is not only to stop Hamas and other militant groups in the Gaza Strip from firing ever more powerful rockets deeper into Israel, as they did on Wednesday, but to weaken Hamas by killing its commanders. ... Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Wednesday night that Hamas is to blame. ‘Hamas is thus committing a double war crime,’ he said. ‘It targets Israeli civilians, while hiding behind civilians.’” *NBC* reports, “The army said it attacked more than 160 sites in Gaza early Wednesday, including 118 concealed rocket-launching sites, six Hamas compounds, 10 militant command centers, weapons storage facilities and 10 tunnels used for militant activity and to ferry supplies in from Egypt. Only four rockets were fired from Gaza toward Israel overnight, the army said, a significant decline from the large number that hit Israeli cities the night before, setting off air raid sirens in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and elsewhere.” (Most of the rockets fired by Hamas likely come from Iran. Others come from Syria, but are based on Iranian technology.) [61362, 61363, 61364, 61415, 61593]

The U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv is closed as a result of the continuing rocket attacks from the terrorist group Hamas. [61459, 61460]

The Senate votes 71–26 to confirm San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Interestingly, San Antonio misused \$1.1 million in HUD funds during Castro’s tenure. (Obama apparently believes that the mayor of a city that misused HUD funds should be the next head of the agency.) Castro replaces Shaun Donovan, who Obama nominated to head the White House Office of Management and Budget. (The overrated Castro is being groomed by the Democrats for higher office, and will likely be on future lists of possible Democrat Vice Presidential candidates. The assumption is that Castro would deliver even more Hispanic votes to a Democrat ticket. Castro’s anti-American mother has called the defenders of the Alamo “a bunch of drunks and crooks and slaveholding imperialists who conquered land that didn’t belong to them.” In May, ABC’s Robin Roberts asked Hillary Clinton, “Were you to run for president in 2016, would you consider Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren or San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro as a running mate?” HotAir.com says of Castro, “Essentially he’s a Latino Obama, except with *much less experience*. If he ends up as VP in 2016, he’d be the youngest veep since Dan Quayle (who had spent eight years in the Senate by the time he was sworn in) and indisputably the one with the thinnest resume, which means, if Hillary’s health goes south, the free world could conceivably be led circa 2018 by a guy whose main qualification was a two-year sinecure atop America’s housing bureau.”) [36510, 36511, 36537, 36539, 36557, 36579, 58563, 58965, 58966, 58967, 58968]

NYTimes.com reports that Chelsea Clinton is paid as much as \$75,000 for speaking appearances. (Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton puts her foot in her mouth again, telling magazine, “Well, when we came out of the White House, we were deeply in debt because of all the legal bills that we owed because of the relentless persecution of my husband and myself, and he had to work unbelievably hard to pay off every single penny of every debt we owed. And we did. ... We are very grateful for where we are today. But if you were to go back and look at the amount of money that we owed, we couldn’t even get a mortgage on a house by ourselves. In our system he had to make double what he needed in order just to pay off the debt, and then to finance a house and continue to pay for our daughter’s education.”) [61365, 61366, 61367, 61583]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “In unprecedented criticism of the White House, 38 journalism groups have assailed [Obama’s] team for censoring media coverage, limiting access to top officials and overall ‘politically-driven suppression of the news.’ In a letter to ... Obama, the 38, led by the Society of Professional Journalists [SPJ], said efforts by government officials to stifle or block coverage has grown for years and reached a high-point under his administration despite Obama’s 2008 campaign promise to provide transparency. Worse, they said: As access for reporters has been cut off, the administration has opened the door to lobbyists, special interests and ‘people with money.’ And as a result, they wrote, Obama only has himself to blame for the current cynicism of his administration. ‘You need look no further than your own administration for a major source of that frustration—politically driven suppression of news and information about federal agencies. We call on you to take a stand to stop the spin and let the sunshine in,’ wrote David Cuillier, president of SPJ.” [61376]

Pro-abortion Senators Mark Udall (D-CO) and Patty Murray (D-WA) introduce legislation that would prohibit Hobby Lobby and other companies from refusing to pay for abortion-causing drugs for their employees. (Even if the legislation passes the Senate, it will never pass in the House; and even if it did become law, it would be challenged in court and likely found unconstitutional. But the Democrats' goal is not to pass the law; it is to use GOP opposition to it as another reason to label them "anti-women" until election day.) [61377, 61378]

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee releases newly-obtained emails that show former IRS official Lois Lerner intended to hide information from Congress. An April 9, 2103 email from Lerner to another IRS employee stated, "I had a question today about OCS [Microsoft Office Communications Server]. I was cautioning folks about email and how we have several occasions where Congress has asked for emails and there has been an electronic search for responsive emails—so we need to be cautious about what we say in emails. Someone asked if OCS conversations were also searchable—I don't know, but told them I would get back to them. Do you know?" Told the OCS messages were not automatically saved, Lerner replied, "Perfect." Asked by Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) about the email, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen responded that he had not seen the email and knew nothing about the OCS system. (Lerner's reply, "Perfect," can mean nothing other than she was concerned about hiding the truth.) [61408, 61409, 61410, 61435, 61580]

Congressman Darrel Issa (R-CA) comments, "[This is] a smoking gun, this is Lois Lerner clearly cautioning people not to say things on email and be delighted to find out that the local instant chat they have, this Microsoft product, wasn't tracking what they said. I think the important thing is she was trying to make sure that... her people weren't being tracked and she was still using words like 'caution.' Why? She didn't want an audit trail of what they'd been doing and what they were doing was targeting conservatives for their views, no question at all." [61474]

Hamas terrorists launch three rockets targeting an Israeli nuclear plant. NYPost.com reports, "But a nuclear disaster was averted when Israel's vaunted Iron Dome defense system shot one of the rockets out of the sky and the other two missed their targets and detonated on the ground without causing any injuries. Extremists from Hamas' fanatical Qassam Brigades boasted that they had launched the long-range, M-75 rockets from the Gaza Strip to the Israeli city of Dimona hoping to damage or destroy the reactor, about 47 miles away." (Pamela Geller writes, "[I]t bears repeating over and over and over: Obama has said he will work with the genocidal group Hamas. Work with them on what, exactly? They have one goal and one goal only: the annihilation of the Jewish people. So what is Obama going to be working on? ... Thank [Ronald] Reagan for the Iron Dome [Israel's missile defense system]. Remember how the left made fun of Reagan when he proposed the idea? What did the left called it? Star Wars. Remember that?") [61455, 61456]

Kyle Coffin, the pastor at CrossRoads Church in Tucson, Arizona, tells Fox News, “Border Patrol told us pastors and churches are not allowed to visit [the illegal immigrant children in holding facilities]. It’s pretty heartbreaking that they don’t let anybody in there—even credentialed pastors.” The Border Patrol’s excuse: “Due to the unique operational and security challenges... religious services provided by outside faith leaders are not possible at this time.” [61382]

Examiner.com reports, “On Monday [July 7], Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto and Guatemalan president Otto Perez Molina held a joint press conference in Playas de Catazaja, Mexico, to officially announce an agreement to make it easier for those making the illegal journey to the United States from Central America, to cross into Mexico. The Southern Border Program to Improve Passage, will provide for more border checkpoints along Mexico’s border with Guatemala, and offer more protection and even emergency medical care to those making their way north. The illegal aliens will receive a so-called Regional Visitor’s Card, according to El Universal. ...The program will also give special protection and even financial assistance to unaccompanied minors now pouring across our border. Of course, these efforts, chiefly by the Mexican government, will only increase the number of illegal aliens coming to this country by the thousands, now on a daily basis. The official announcement only confirms what many of us have known all along... **the current chaos on the border which the Obama administration has sympathetically (and dishonestly) characterized as a ‘humanitarian crisis,’ only exists due to collusion between the governments of Mexico, Guatemala and likely the United States.** [61386, 61413]

Jesse Jackson says, “If we can find \$4 billion for those [illegal immigrant] children—and we should—we can find \$2 billion for Chicago. There are more children involved, and more have been killed, and more have been shot.” [61411]

Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX) tells WND.com, “What I was told on the border last week was that as high as 70-75 percent of these individuals will be remaining in the United States. I don’t know quite what the disconnect is between what [Obama’s] statements are and the statements I was hearing from people in customs and Border Patrol, FEMA and the federal agencies that are charged with taking care of these folks.” (The disconnect has a simple explanation: Obama is lying when he says most of the illegal immigrants crossing the border will be deported. Most will not even show up for their hearings.) [61390]

Medal of Honor winner, retired Major General Patrick Henry Brady tells WND.com, “We don’t need immigration reform. The root of America is that we live by the rule of law. ...[Obama] looks at everything in terms of votes. ...Behind all of this is votes ...they may say that they may not let them vote for 14 years, but by the stroke of his pen he can allow these people to vote or he will try to do that. ...We have laws that will put an end to this now, but what they [the Democrats] are looking for is amnesty, which equals votes. ...It’s not compassion [to allow illegal immigrant children into the United States]. It’s cruel what they are doing to these people to seduce them to coming into

America and living as an underclass. ...There will be no end to the incompetence of this government until Obama leaves office. If Nixon did one-tenth of what Obama did, starting with Fast and Furious, he would have been impeached by now. I put the blame [for the border crisis] on [Obama].” [61399]

On CNN, Daily Beast columnist Sally Kohn argues, “This is not a border crisis. These kids are coming to the border, they’re getting stopped, the border’s working. Republicans are trying to turn this into a narrative of ‘Oh, the border isn’t working.’ They’re not slipping through holes on the border. It’s just not happening.” (From Kohn’s perspective, it is a crisis if tens of thousands of people sneak through a hole in a border fence, but not a crisis if Obama orders Border Agents to let tens of thousands of people to stroll across the border to be placed on buses and distributed throughout the country to communities that cannot afford to provide for their care.) [61426]

In Oaxaca, Mexico, a cargo train carrying as many as 1,300 people headed to the Texas border derails. There are no reported injuries. [61438]

On *On the Record*, former Senator Jim DeMint tells Greta Van Susteren, “I found [Obama’s] statement [on the border crisis] extraordinarily dishonest. ...[I]llegal crossings had gone down until 2012. The year before, 6,500 unaccompanied minors had been apprehended. But in 2012, [Obama] did something extraordinary with this DACA executive order, which basically said if you are from Central America and you are a minor, you get here, you can you stay or at least the process to send you home. The real damage that was done by [Obama’s] executive order in 2012 and since then we went from 6,500 to 36,000 in 2013 this year we anticipate 80,000. So [Obama] sent an invitation and we know that human traffickers throughout Central America are using [his] pledge of amnesty to actually get these payments to bring these kids here. ...[W]hat we see now, Greta, is a small taste of what happens when you start talking about amnesty, and [Obama] mentioned there that if we pass this comprehensive amnesty, immigration bill that it’s going to fix the problem. We know it will make it worse. ...What you see here is [Obama] is trying to make this a fight between him and Congress. The only thing is for congress to give him more money when, in fact, he has a half trillion dollars in his budget for domestic security which includes border security and the Congress now is considering appropriations for next year that began in October. He doesn’t need an emergency bill right now. He has got the flexibility to act in every area that he is talking about.” (Obama knows full well that the Constitution gives the Executive Branch considerable power when it comes to border security and other defense issues. Obama is asking for legislation to authorizing him to spend \$3.7 billion for two reasons. If House Republicans attach strings to his request, that gives Democrat a line of attack in their reelection campaigns. They can call the GOP racists and anti-children. If Congress gives him what he wants and the crisis is not averted, House Republicans will share the blame.) [61407]

On *Hannity*, Texas Governor Rick Perry tells Sean Hannity that during his brief visit with Obama earlier in the day he asked him to visit the border “to show the American people

that he understands. ... We have a humanitarian crisis on our hands on the southern border and [Obama] needs to be engaged. ... We're not interested in apprehension [of border crossers]. We're interested in prevention [of border crossings]..." Perry notes that of Obama's request for \$3.7 billion to deal with the illegal immigrants, "less than two percent of it is for border security." (Photos show a frustrated Perry across from a laughing Obama. Perry later comments, "I don't know if he [Obama] heard me.") The meeting was not one-on-one. Others in attendance reportedly included Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, Congressman Eddie Bernice Johnson (R-TX); Grand Prairie Mayor Ron Jensen, Chris Liebrum of the Baptist General Convention, Arne Nelson of Catholic Charities, Dallas County Commissioner Elba Garcia, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, Texas Health and Human Services Director Kyle Janek, Texas Public Safety Director Steven McCraw, the director of Baptist Child and Family services who has contracted with the shelter at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, radical leftist pastor Frederick Haynes III (who was mentored by Reverend Jeremiah Wright and served on the board of Al Sharpton's National Action Network), and Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett. At PJMedia.com, Michelle Horstman asks, "It would be interesting to know why Frederick Haynes III was left off published lists of attendees, as an invited Whitehouse guest. If this is the type of advice they are seeking in solving the border crisis, it is a bigger crisis than we even imagined.") [61389, 61446]

On July 10, the case of Marine Andrew Tahmooressi—who made a wrong turn and unintentionally found himself in Mexico while having guns in his vehicle—is finally presented to a judge. The judge orders the 26-year-old back to El Hongo prison until the next hearing, on August 4. According to FoxNews.com, "Despite the judge's ruling, Tahmooressi's attorney, Fernando Benitez, told reporters that he was confident that the Marine's case was on the right track. Benitez said that his client's statement to the judge was 'sound and made perfect sense,' and claimed that irregularities with Tahmooressi's detention were grounds for dismissal of the case. The attorney said that his client was not provided with consular services for nearly eight hours after he was detained, nor did he have access to an adequate translator. In addition, Benitez said that the order to search Tahmooressi's vehicle was dated March 28, three days before the Marine crossed the border." (There is no indication that the Obama administration has done anything to help gain the release of Tahmooressi.) [61388]

The border crisis notwithstanding, Obama plans to spend 15 days vacationing in Martha's Vineyard between August 9 and 24. (It can be assumed that the Department of Homeland Security will not dump even one busload of illegal immigrants anywhere near the \$12 million mansion the Obamas will be using.) [61400, 61430, 61431, 61533]

According to a June 24–29 IBD/TIPP poll, "Three in five Americans say the tens of thousands of minors who have crossed the border 'should be ordered to leave the U.S.' ... Those saying that the government should order them to leave totaled 60%. Breaking that sizeable majority down, 64% of independents wanted the minors sent home, as did 40% of Democrats and 80% of Republicans." [61482]

The Obama administration calls on schools to admit illegal immigrant children even when they have no valid documentation related to their age or address. [61559]

According to LibertyNews.com, “Between Dec 2010 and Nov 2013, the Catholic Charities Diocese of Galveston received \$15,549,078 in federal grants from Health & Human Services for ‘Unaccompanied Alien Children Project’ with a program description of ‘Refugee and Entry Assistance.’ Last year, the Catholic Charities Diocese of Fort Worth received \$350,000 from Department of Homeland Security for ‘citizenship and education training’ with a program description of ‘citizenship and immigration services.’ Between September 2010 and September 2013, the Catholic Charities of Dallas received \$823,658 from the Department of Homeland Security for ‘Citizenship Education Training’ for ‘refugee and entrant assistance.’ From Dec 2012 to January 2014, Baptist Child & Family Services received \$62,111,126 in federal grants from Health & Human Services for ‘Unaccompanied Alien Children Program.’” [61562, 61563, 61564]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A militia has set up a command center south of San Antonio to prepare for what they say is a mission to protect the United States from the influx of illegal immigrants. The militia, operating via the website PatriotsInformationHotline.com, founded by Barbie Rogers, said members at the command center in Von Ormy will deploy to Laredo first and spread to other parts of the border, a local ABC affiliate reported. Chris Davis, the 37-year-old commander of the group, would not disclose how many members make up the militia, but said the troops would deploy ‘in a few weeks.’ ‘We have patriots all across this country who are willing to sacrifice their time, their monies, even quit their jobs to come down and fight for freedom, liberty and national sovereignty,’ Mr. Davis told the station. [61520]

FoxNews.com reports, “Obama’s satirical interview with comedian Zach Galifianakis on the web series ‘Between Two Ferns’ was nominated Thursday for an Emmy Award in the Outstanding Short-Format Live-Action Entertainment category.” (*The Obama Timeline* contacts Fox News and is told the story is not a hoax. When Obama plans to present himself with the Presidential Medal of Freedom is not known.) [61412]

U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan orders the IRS to provide a written explanation, under oath, of the events surrounding the disappearance of Lois Lerner’s emails. The IRS has until August 10 to comply. Sullivan states, “I’m going to hold tight to that August 10 declaration.” [61404, 61432, 61436, 61440, 61474]

On MSNBC’s *The Cycle*, Bloomberg columnist Francis Wilkinson says, “I think [Obama] wants this [border crisis] to be a big problem. I think he wants this to be such a big problem right now that Congress has to deal with it, and that the media’s focused on it, and that the American public is focused on it. ...I think he wanted a big splash. I think he wanted a big story, and I think he needs a big story and a big splash in order to force a resolution of the border.” (Wilkinson is probably correct. Obama may have created the crisis intentionally, in order to force Congress to act—and to force legislators to take sides. That gives Democrat candidates the chance to portray themselves as “caring,”

while portraying Republicans as “anti-children racists” for daring to suggest Obama actually enforce the law and protect the nation’s borders.) [61416]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, “[Obama] said yesterday he’d consider [sending National Guard troops to the border] *only* if he gets more money, with no strings attached. In other words, he won’t do it for the kids, it’s all about politics. ...This is a problem of [Obama’s] own making! He’s been [in office] for five-and-a-half years! [Boehner raises his voice.] When’s he gonna take responsibility for *something*?” (HotAir.com asks, “Is that a trick question?”) [61477]

Germany expels the top CIA intelligence official from the U.S. embassy over charges of spying. German government spokesman Steffen Seibert states, “The representative of the U.S. intelligence services at the Embassy of the United States of America has been requested to leave Germany.” Asked about the issue, State Departments spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki tells reporters, “As you know, we’ve had a range of discussions with Germany over the course of the last several months, and I expect those will continue, but those will happen through diplomatic channels. Our relationship is better served by having those take place through those channels.” (In other words, “Yeah, we got caught.”) [61414, 61427, 61488]

Pentagon officials notify Congress that six “low-level” detainees held at Guantanamo will be released to Uruguay. Ian Moss, a State Department spokesman, states, “The United States is grateful to our partner, Uruguay, for this significant humanitarian gesture, and appreciates the Uruguayan government’s generous assistance as the United States continues its efforts to close the detention facility at Guantanamo.” [61701, 61702]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “ Hamas’ Interior Ministry has ordered residents of the Gaza Strip to remain in their houses if they are about to be bombed by the Israelis, a move that effectively turns citizens into human shields and is intentionally meant to boost the casualty rate, according to a copy of the order published by Hamas. Israel warns Gaza residents of air strikes before they take place so innocent civilians have time to flee and seek shelter. The latest Hamas order that citizens ignore Israel’s warnings and stay put is a clear effort by the terror group to increase the death count and apply pressure on Israel to cease its military campaign meant to end Hamas’s attacks. ... Hamas is notorious for intentionally putting citizens in harms way in order to maximize body counts and portray Israel as an aggressor. The terror group often fires rockets from heavily populated civilian areas and uses schools, mosques, and hospitals as bases for their military operations.” Hamas terrorists have been known to travel with children in ambulances to avoid being targeted. [61423, 61424, 61425, 61461, 61663, 61726, 61731, 61732, 61782]

Algemeiner.com reports, “Terrorist groups affiliated with Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas’s Fatah party claim that they have joined the rocket attacks against Israel from Gaza. ... Some of these terrorists formerly belong[ed] to the PA’s security forces and still receive salaries from the PA—which is funded by Western governments, including the U.S.” (Israel is being bombarded by rockets from Hamas,

which is now being joined by Fatah, and Obama naively believes the two groups can be “peace partners” in negotiations with the Jewish state. Or, more likely, Obama knows full well Hamas and Fatah have no intention of giving up their desire to destroy Israel, and he simply wants to broker a deal in which Israel sacrifices as much as possible. Israel would be foolish to accept any deal brokered by Obama. He will turn his back on Israel as eagerly as he betrayed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.) [61496, 61931]

Russian President Vladimir Putin says, “I support Israel’s struggle, which is intended to protect its citizens.” (Rush Limbaugh observes, “Well, when he says that, he then gives himself an automatic explanation for what he’s doing in Ukraine... and Crimea. And at the same time, he is belittling Obama. He’s saying, ‘Look at me, I’m bigger than Obama. Obama won’t say this about your own ally, and I will.’” [61530, 61531]

The Senate votes 75–22 to approve Shaun Donovan as the director of the White House Office of Management and Budget.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) tells reporters she wants Mexicans crossing the border illegally to be treated as generously as Central Americans: “[Q]uite frankly, if they wanted to make it uniform, I would have rather they treated the Mexican kids the way they treated the noncontiguous country kids. ... You probably know by now that when it comes to children, from my standpoint, I’m like a lioness. That’s—don’t mess with the children, Okay? You want to talk about contiguous or noncontiguous, talk about it all day, but give us the money to deal with it...” [61489]

Pelosi also warns, “We should be afraid of this [Supreme] Court” because of its Hobby Lobby decision, and whines that “that five men [are allowed to] get down to the specifics of whether a woman should use a diaphragm and she should pay for it herself or her boss.” (Beside the fact that Pelosi’s claim is a gross misinterpretation of the ruling, she ignores the fact that men decided the 7–2 *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. If she does not believe men on the Supreme Court have any business ruling on “women’s issue,” then she must consider *Roe v. Wade* invalid.) [61449, 61450]

Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) tells reporters, “We wouldn’t tell the owners of Hobby Lobby to convert to a different religion or disobey their religion—but we don’t say that they have to open up a company and go sell toys or hobby kits.” (In other words, “People who hold strong religious beliefs should not start businesses.”) CNSNews.com notes, “Schumer’s comments came at a conference to push the Protect Women’s Health from Corporate Interference Act, a Democratic bill aimed at forcing employers to abide by the ObamaCare contraception mandate reversing the Supreme Court’s recent ruling on the issue.” (Inasmuch as Pelosi believes men on the Supreme Court should not be able to make decisions that involve women, to be consistent she should advise Schumer that he has no business supporting a bill that involves women.) [61487]

At the Paramount Theater in Austin, Texas, Obama ridicules Republicans: “You hear some of them, ‘sue him, impeach him.’ Really? For what? You’re going to sue me for doing my job? Think about that, your going to use taxpayer money to sue me for doing my job while you don’t do your job.” [61454, 61473]

Obama ends his fundraising trip to Texas with a visit to Franklin Barbecue, in Austin. According to WashingtonExaminer.com, he cuts “directly to the front of the line” and says, “Hey guys! I hear the barbecue is pretty good here. Is that true? I know this is a long line. I feel real bad, but—I’m gonna [sic] cut.” A cashier at the restaurant, Daniel Rugg Webb, says to Obama, “Equal rights for gay people!” Obama asks, “Are you gay?” Webb replies, “Only when I’m having sex!” (Why Obama asked the personal question is not clear. Heterosexuals can certainly also expect equal rights for gays.) Webb, who AustinChronicle.com notes enjoys wearing women’s clothing, such as his “preferred sequin ensemble,” later says, “It was just a lucky day to be the register girl.” [61439, 61503, 61537]

Congressman Steve Stockman (R-TX) and several other House members file a resolution directing the House of Representatives’ Sergeant-at-Arms to arrest Lois Lerner for contempt. Stockman states, “Asking the Justice Department to prosecute Lois Lerner for admittedly illegal activity is a joke. The Obama administration will not prosecute the Obama administration. How much longer will the House allow itself to be mocked? It is up to this House to uphold the rule of law and hold accountable those who illegally targeted American citizens for simply having different ideas than [Obama]. Democrats have openly stated the House has the powers to arrest those in contempt of Congress and imprison them in the Capitol. I don’t want to go as far as Democrats in exercising the House’s powers to arrest. Ms. Lerner will be held in the D.C. jail. It’s time for House to stop tacitly endorsing this administration’s illegal activity by refusing to hold him accountable. I expect Democrats to defend and even praise criminal activity. The question is whether Republican leadership will join them in mocking the House and breaking the law.” Stockman quotes a December 4, 2007 *New York Times* article, written when Democrats like Nancy Pelosi wanted to imprison Bush advisor Karl Rove: “From the Republic’s earliest days, Congress has had the right to hold recalcitrant witnesses in contempt—and even imprison them—all by itself. In 1795, shortly after the Constitution was ratified, the House ordered its sergeant at arms to arrest and detain two men accused of trying to bribe members of Congress. The House held a trial and convicted one of them. In 1821, the Supreme Court upheld Congress’s right to hold people in contempt and imprison them. Without this power, the court ruled, Congress would ‘be exposed to every indignity and interruption, that rudeness, caprice, or even conspiracy, may mediate against it.’ Later, in a 1927 case arising from the Teapot Dome scandal, the court upheld the Senate’s arrest of the brother of a former attorney general—carried out in Ohio by the deputy sergeant at arms—for ignoring a subpoena to testify.” (Whether House Republicans have the courage to approve Stockman’s resolution remains to be seen. No Senate approval is needed for the action.) [61442, 61443, 61444, 61445, 61465, 61485]

FoxNews.com reports, “The Minuteman Project—the controversial civilian patrol that came to prominence a decade ago—is riding out of retirement in a bid to help tackle the illegal immigration crisis at the Mexico border. The group, which patrolled parts of the 2,000-mile border from 2005–2010, acting as unarmed and unsanctioned eyes and ears of the Border Patrol, is trying to recruit a force of thousands to help keep illegal immigrants from making their way into the United States from Mexico. Minutemen founder and president Jim Gilchrist said preparation for ‘Operation Normandy’ will take place over the next 10 months as the dormant group seeks to recruit and organize as many as 3,500 volunteers. ‘We are coming because we no longer trust that this government knows how to handle this issue,’ Gilchrist told FoxNews.com. ‘This is going to dwarf the original Minuteman Project and I expect a number of militia groups to join.’” [61447]

CNSNews.com reports that “40 percent of the federal crimes documented by the Justice Department in fiscal 2013 took place in the five U.S. court districts (out of the total of 94 U.S. court districts) that sit on the U.S.-Mexico border. These five U.S. court districts contiguous with the Mexican border were also the five where the largest numbers of individuals were convicted of federal crimes in fiscal 2013. In the Western Texas district alone—which saw more federal crime than any other district in the country—more than twice as many federal criminals were convicted in fiscal 2013 as in all four U.S. court districts in New York state combined.” [61486]

GOP political consultant Mary Matalin—who many people find it impossible to believe is married to Democrat consultant James Carville—tells Newsmax.tv’s Steve Malzberg, “I’ve known and have worked with ...many politicians and they have a soul. I keep looking for this man’s [Obama’s] soul and I can’t find it. ...He has no empathy. There’s no understanding. It’s just—everything’s a celebration of him or some self-consciousness-raising of him. It’s just like he’s always laughing and beering around ...I don’t understand it. ...For the politicians [and] pundits who are saying this is ‘Obama’s Katrina,’ let me tell you something about his soul: to this day, George W. Bush and Laura Bush are still very, although quietly, very, very involved in the recovery of New Orleans and surrounding areas. [Obama] cares about nothing and this is so immoral... [He] offers nothing but perverse incentives like legal aid for these illegals or humanitarian aid... He wants chaos at the borders and it’s hard for us to analyze why [he] would initiate and sanction and incentivize such chaos. That’s exactly what it is and what he’s seeking to do. ...Who’s going to take care of these kids? Who’s going to place them? ...I cannot think of a worse crisis for any children anywhere in the world including our own when these unvaccinated and sick children make their way across the country. It’s a humanitarian threat to us... it’s a health threat to us.” [61471]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer comments that polls showing what percentage of Americans support immigration reform mean nothing “unless you tell me the content of the reform.” Krauthammer notes that “at the end of the [2012] primaries, after the implosion in that debate where [Texas Governor Rick Perry] couldn’t remember the three points [Perry said he had three points but then forgot the third], he did fairly well when the spotlight came off him and he was no longer the frontrunner, he conducted himself

fairly well in the subsequent debates and he came out not bad.” (Because Perry is again in the spotlight because of the focus on Obama’s immigration disaster in Texas, he retains the visibility that can keep him in the running for the GOP’s 2016 presidential primaries. In fact, a few hours later *Hannity* is broadcast from Texas, where Sean Hannity meets with Perry and tours parts of the border and reviews the state’s efforts to do what the Obama administration will not do. Perry comes across as incredibly knowledgeable, level-headed, and in better control of the situation than Obama. Whether that will help Perry in 2016 remains to be seen, but it certainly does not help Obama and his fellow Democrats in 2014.) [61453]

On *The Kelly File*, Truth Revolt editor Ben Shapiro slams Obama’s anti-Israel policies and actions, and says, “This is an anti-Israel administration; it’s the first administration in American history that is obviously anti-Israel; it’s borderline a [sic; a borderline] Jew-hating administration. ... There can be no question at this point that the daylight that has been created between the United States and Israel has emboldened Israel’s enemies and the enemies of the United States.” [61472]

On July 11 rockets are fired from Hasiba, Lebanon into Israel. TheBlaze.com notes, “That area in southern Lebanon is a stronghold of the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, which has battled Israel numerous times. However, past fire from Lebanon has been blamed on radical Palestinian factions in the area and Hezbollah has not been involved in the ongoing offensive.” (Whether Obama will expect Israel to “turn the other cheek” remains to be seen.) Pamela Geller observes, “The last time Israel was attacked by multiple Muslim states was the 1967 war (Egypt, Jordan, and Syria). Today Israel was attacked on four fronts [Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, Sinai] for the first time ever.” [61448, 61497, 61591]

In a telephone conversation, Obama urges Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to agree to a ceasefire with Hamas—to be brokered by the United States. According to *The Jerusalem Post*, “Netanyahu has ruled out a ceasefire with Hamas in the short-term. On the contrary, the Israeli leader has vowed a series of additional stages to Operation Protective Edge—his government’s response to continued rocket fire on Israeli towns and cities, after Hamas, a terrorist organization, stockpiled tens of thousands of rockets in the coastal territory over the last several years. A ceasefire is ‘not even on the agenda,’ Netanyahu told members of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, just hours before his call with the US leader.” Pamela Geller writes, “Here’s the thing. Nobody asked him. It is not so subtle pressure. Essentially Obama wants Israel to stop defending herself. Obama has been on a jihad against Israel ever since he took office. He is deeply, deeply anti-Israel. Summing up Obama’s approach to global conflicts—freedom vs submission: Muslim Brotherhood? Check! Al Qaeda in Syria? Check! Al Qaeda in Libya? Check! Muslim Brotherhood in Syria? Check! Muslim Brotherhood in Gaza (Hamas)? Check! Jihad regime in Iran? Check! Israel? Bully, threaten and humiliate the tiny Jewish state.” [61483, 61495]

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) later tells reporters, “There is no moral equivalency between the self-defense actions of Israel and the barbaric actions of Hamas.” Graham and several other Senators are “now proposing a resolution that would ‘reaffirm the United States’ support for Israel’s right to defend its citizens’ and ‘ensure the survival’ of the Israeli state. The resolution also calls on the Palestinian Authority, funded in large part by Congress, to end its unity government with Hamas, and condemns the firing of hundreds of rockets at Israel as ‘unprovoked.’” [61483]

At PJMedia.com Roger L. Simon writes, “Let’s hope Netanyahu does not fall prey to pressure and keeps on keeping on because someone sometime has to stand up to Islamofascism or it will continue its unstoppable march across the Middle East and beyond. It certainly won’t be Obama, who has allowed violent jihadists to flourish across Iraq, Syria and Iran—not to mention North Africa, Nigeria, the Sudan, Pakistan, Indonesia, the Philippines and now the Islamic State (aka ISIS) installing their own caliphate. Obama previously tried to help shore up Islamofascism in Egypt (Morsi) and Turkey (Erdogan). And all the while he has been chasing a nuclear deal with the monstrous mullahs of Iran who want nothing more than the extinction of the West and a caliphate of their own to compete with the Sunnis of ISIS. I’m confused. Weren’t ‘progressives’ supposed to be for religious freedom and opposed to misogyny, homophobia and theocracy? Oh, well. Maybe I was misinformed. Enough already. Bibi [Netanyahu], it’s up to you. Western civilization’s last stand.” [61484]

It is worth noting that the Iraqi government had been pleading with Obama to order drone strikes against ISIS *long before* the group had captured any major territory, let alone the city of Fallujah. (In August 2013, U.S. embassy diplomats in Baghdad urged drone strike against ISIS as well.) Had Obama ordered the strikes in mid-to-late 2013, Iraq might have avoided the loss of cities and the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians. Further, the world might have been spared the threat it now faces from the group’s now-declared caliphate. Obama denied the drone request for purely political and personal purposes: he wanted nothing to do with Iraq. If he took military action, even if limited to drone strikes, his legacy could not include “ending the war in Iraq.” In a total absence of leadership, he simply ignored Iraq and hoped it would go away. The world may now pay a high price for Obama’s failure to stop ISIS when he had the chance. Obama’s flippant January 2014 remark, “[I]f a jayvee team puts on Lakers uniforms, that doesn’t make them Kobe Bryant,” demonstrated his inability to recognize significant risks—even when they are being repeatedly brought to his attention by foreign leaders who see the dangers up close. By failing to take out ISIS when he had the best possible opportunity for success—when it was largely congregated in remote areas where collateral damage would have been limited—Obama not only saved the “junior varsity” jihad team, he gave it the training time it needed to “go pro.” [53771, 53780, 53782, 53787, 53799, 53800, 53805, 53813, 53814, 53817, 53833, 53848, 53876, 53894, 53977, 54006, 54045, 62047]

Charles Krauthammer writes, “The preferred explanation for [Obama’s] detachment is psychological. He’s checked out. Given up. Let down and disappointed by the world, he is in withdrawal. Perhaps. But I’d propose an alternative theory that gives him more

credit: Obama's passivity stems from an idea. When Obama says Putin has placed himself on the wrong side of history in Ukraine, he actually believes it. He disdains realpolitik because he believes that, in the end, such primitive 19th-century notions as conquest are self-defeating. History sees to their defeat. 'The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice' is one of Obama's favorite sayings. Ultimately, [he believes that] injustice and aggression don't pay. ...If you really believe this, then there is no need for forceful, potentially risky U.S. counteractions. Which explains everything since: Obama's pinprick sanctions; his failure to rally a craven Europe; his refusal to supply Ukraine with the weapons it has been begging for. ...The world is aflame and our leader is on the 14th green. The arc of history may indeed bend toward justice, Mr. [Obama]. But, as you say, the arc is long. The job of a leader is to shorten it, to intervene on behalf of 'the fierce urgency of now.' Otherwise, why do we need a [leader]? And why did you seek to become ours?" [62048]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells reporters that "no international pressure will prevent us from acting with all force against a terrorist organization [Hamas] that seeks to destroy us. ...I think the Israeli people understand now what I always say: that there cannot be a situation, under any agreement, in which we relinquish security control of the territory west of the River Jordan." (David Horowitz observes, "Not relinquishing security control west of the Jordan, it should be emphasized, means not giving a Palestinian entity full sovereignty there. It means not acceding to Mahmoud Abbas's demands, to Barack Obama's demands, to the international community's demands. This is not merely demanding a demilitarized Palestine; it is insisting upon ongoing Israeli security oversight inside and at the borders of the West Bank. That sentence, quite simply, spells the end to the notion of Netanyahu consenting to the establishment of a Palestinian state. A less-than-sovereign entity? Maybe, though this will never satisfy the Palestinians or the international community. A fully sovereign Palestine? Out of the question. He wasn't saying that he doesn't support a two-state solution. He was saying that it's impossible. This was not a new, dramatic change of stance by the prime minister. It *was* a new, dramatic exposition of his long-held stance.") "I told John Kerry and General Allen, the Americans' expert, 'We live here, I live here, I know what we need to ensure the security of Israel's people.' ...If we were to pull out of Judea and Samaria, like they tell us to... there'd be a possibility of thousands of [terrorist] tunnels. ...At present we have a problem with the territory called Gaza," and Israel has no intention of creating "another 20 Gazas." [61547, 61549]

BBC.com reports, "Iraq has warned the UN that Sunni militants have seized nuclear materials used for scientific research at a university in the city of Mosul. In a letter seen by Reuters, Iraq's envoy to the UN said nearly 40kg (88lb) of uranium compounds were seized. The letter appealed for international help to 'stave off the threat of their use by terrorists in Iraq or abroad.' But the UN atomic agency IAEA said the material was 'low grade' and did not pose a significant security risk. US officials have also reportedly played down the threat, saying the materials were not believed to be enriched uranium." (So far, ISIS terrorists have seized chemical weapons and nuclear materials in Iraq—two of the three WMDs that Saddam Hussein allegedly did not have.) [61511, 61512, 61637]

During a visit to Cuba, Russian President Vladimir Putin inks a deal with island officials to reopen an espionage listening post near Havana that has not been active since 2001. [61675]

The House of Representatives votes 258–160 to allow businesses to take immediate tax deductions for the purchase of new equipment, rather than be forced to spread out the deductions over several years. The change would help create jobs because it makes it easier for businesses to expand their operations. (The White House has stated it will veto the bill if it passes in the Senate.) [61558]

In *The Washington Post*, Ed Rogers writes, “At [Obama’s] next encounter with the media, I will scream collusion if no one asks him for his exact definition of a ‘smidgen,’ and if he thinks he has seen a smidgen of corruption yet. At this point, only the most gullible or culpable can continue to claim there is no compelling evidence in this case. Given the delays, lies and stonewalling, there is no viable argument against a special prosecutor.” [61568]

NYPost.com reports, “Already under attack by critics who say he’s lost interest in his job, ...Obama added fuel to the fire on Thursday with a drowsy appearance in Texas. A heavy-lidded Obama struggled to keep his head up during a one-on-one talk in an Austin cafe with a college student whose parents lost their jobs last year. Kinsey Button, a junior at the University of Texas at Austin, huddled with the president in a booth at the Magnolia Cafe, where he ordered hot tea and she sipped coffee while discussing her parents’ plight.” Pamela Geller writes, “Obama falls asleep while meeting with a supporter whose parents are jobless. This is just another in a long line of disturbing indications that there is something wrong, very wrong, with the tinpot prez. Americans either don’t care or are dangerously misinformed. I prefer to believe the latter. At least then we have a shot at recovering the nation. The world is in a tailspin, and Obama’s looking for the next hit.” *The Obama Timeline* believes Obama continues to abuse drugs, and that close advisor Valerie Jarrett is both his supplier and the person responsible for seeing to it that his habit is kept under control. Obama even went so far as to have Jarrett provided with constant Secret Service protection—something unheard of for a mere advisor who is neither an elected official nor on the presidential succession list. Additionally, Jarrett often shares meals with the Obama family in the upstairs White House living quarters, and even maintains a bedroom there. [61498, 61499]

Timeline readers may recall The Ulsterman Report’s interview with his White House insider, who related that Obama appeared stoned while backstage at the 2008 Democrat National Convention in 2008 the night of his acceptance speech: “What he saw was... was a guy [Obama] who came in draggin’ and a guy who left bouncin’ off the f-cking walls. ...Obama comes in... He’s... he looks wiped. Wiped out. His color is all off. His eyes... he barely... my friend says... my friend said... he looked right through them. Like his eyes couldn’t focus enough to see them... and a big fella... black guy... he was... it looked like he was holding Obama up. Making their way to the, the room... the private area. ...I don’t know [if everyone noticed Obama’s condition], my friend didn’t

say anything about that... but he sure as hell noticed. He thought maybe Obama had gotten sick... it's not uncommon on the campaign trail. You eat some sh-t food sometimes. ... So Obama is holed up in this room. People are kinda mingling about, I guess, maybe ten, fifteen minutes go by. Then a couple folks march on in—that's how he put it to me... they marched on in... very purposeful. One looked like Secret Service... the other was a woman [possibly Valerie Jarrett]... The woman goes in—the other fella, he stays outside the door. She's in there for maybe another five minutes... she comes back out and tells 'em to clear the hall. Clear out. Says they need about ten minutes to prepare. ... That's what he told me—she said they needed a little time to prepare.” [28336]

“[My friend] goes up to the guy outside the door... outside the room Obama, the big fella, and the woman are in. He's just concerned... wants to know if he can help in any way. You know, maybe go get something for a bad stomach? ... But the guy outside the door—he ain't messin'. It's all business. Serious. He pushes my friend right on the chest—hard... tells him to step away and to clear the hall. And that's where... that's when he hears the chanting. The... he said it sounded like... like a... Gregory [sic; Gregorian] chant. That's the term he used. A Gregory [sic] chant... [Gregorian chants are associated with the Catholic church—but Obama is certainly not a Catholic.] ... [T]he Obamas... prayin' has never seemed like their thing. The team... they had a bunch of religion jokes you know. Even by then it seemed clear to most of us... like I just told you—Obama is an atheist. Now I've developed that little line of reasoning later—down the road... but we all figured it then too. ... [I]t's maybe 20 or 30 minutes later... [my friend] ... makes his way back into the hall... there's already a bunch of people there. ... So, you got about... there's a ton of people now waiting to see ... to see Obama make his way out into the hall. The ceremony is firing up... you can hear the enormous crowd in the stadium... whatever worries there might have been... people might have just forgot them. Easy to do in that kind of environment. It's a f-cking rock concert [environment], you know. A convention... that last night... the build up... an amazing thing. Like a drug, those moments. You get a taste of it... you want more. [Then] Michelle Obama comes out [of the room] first. ... Obviously she went in at some point... just... my friend didn't see that. He wasn't around. ... Obama's wife comes out, there's another woman carrying a bag thing. That would be makeup. Pretty sure of that. She was always... the amount of cover that Obama wears... I told you about that before right? [He] Cakes that sh-t on. 24/7. It's why his color seems to change so much... different brand, or product... something like that.” [28336]

“So they come out... Michelle... she just walks on by. Not a word to anyone. She's got a secret service guy who is alongside her. Out she goes and not a word. My friend notices somebody puts their hand on her—trying to say high or something... it's harmless... but the Secret Service fella, he is right there to intervene. Pushes this other woman... she gets pushed back and ... Obama's wife... she just keeps on walking. No smile, nothin'. Another five minutes or so and out comes Obama and a few others—the big fella from earlier, the woman who went in after them [perhaps Valerie Jarrett], and now there appears to be a couple of Secret Service alongside them. ... So out of that room they come. Everybody is excited... including ... Obama. It's like... it's like one man went into

that room and another one came out. An entirely different man walked out of that room than went in. That is how... that's how he told it to me. A different man walked out. The change... the transformation was stunning. He seemed taller. His eyes were... there was an energy to him. Powerful. He was smiling and joking, shaking hands, talking real fast... the suit—the one you see on television... every detail was perfect. Everybody was rushing to shake his hand, tell them they loved him... but my friend... he was shaken up. It was too damn weird, right? What the hell happened in that room? How could one man walk in and another man walk out? We're talking two extremes here... Obama was just about carried into that room... and he comes out... he's bouncing off the f-cking walls.” [28336]

The insider's friend then received a handshake from Obama: “Oh yeah... got the handshake. Looked right up at him. And Obama... he looked right down... looked right down and through him. Yeah boy... right the f-ck through him. He didn't recognize... my friend... he had been introduced to Obama not more than a day before. He was helping organize the whole fu-ing event there in Denver. He spoke to [Obama] ...probably for about ten minutes. And there was nothing odd at that time... Obama seemed like what everybody saw in public. Not what my friend saw go into that room... or what he saw come out of that room. And ...Obama—my friend was very... he made a point of emphasis there—Obama did not recognize him in the hall. Not a clue. He smiled down at him, shook his hand... kept repeating thank you over and over again... and his eyes were always blinking. Fast. Yeah... like f-cking shutters. Blinking. Over and over again. My friend watched him as he made his way to the side stage... his eyes were blinking over and over again. ...But that ain't the meat of this thing... that's not... I don't give a f-ck if there were drugs or what involved before he gave that speech in Denver. What I care about...what, what—where this gets... where this leads us here is how people start gettin' messed up who might have seen whatever happened in that room before that speech... My friend... I heard later he had shared what he saw here and there. I'm guessing that sharing... my gut tells me somebody wanted him to shut the f-ck up about it.” [28336]

The White House insider notes that his younger friend was eventually “...found dead at home with no sign of... foul play... and] the cause [of death] is put down as ‘natural causes’ ...Really? Just like that? Natural f-cking causes? A guy... he's in relatively good health... not so bad anyways... he is found dead alone at home... been dead for weeks... natural causes? All neat and tidy like that, huh? Guy in his 50's... natural causes. Just drifts off of natural causes? Well f-ck you, no. Now that just don't sit right with this here boy. That's right [no investigation]—nothing. I get the news... [I was] stunned. Pissed. Suspicious. Worried. Sh-t, I had everything running through my mind the moment I got word. The timing... everything pointed to something not being right? Something serious was... it was all... things were not right. ...No investigation... coroner... the only word on that I heard back was no investigation. Nothing. Was it a heart attack? Some said it appeared that way... but nothing official on that. NOTHING. It just... they found him dead, he was gone... that was it. DONE. A guy in his 50s just up and dies and that's it? No way. ...I won't name names... not gonna put that on you... I don't want that responsibility. ...[But] How about the involvement of one of the most powerful members

of the United States Senate? [Is] That enough to perk you up? [Is] That enough... f-cking specifics for you? We got the death of a long-timer... an operative. Good solid party guy. Fifty somethin' years old. Natural causes. No investigation. He sees something about [Obama]... says it... shares it with some others, including this Senator. They are tight. Go way back a ways. She's got power. If she has... if she gets some kind of information... that makes her a threat. It makes him a threat." [28336]

The Obama Timeline assumes the Senator referenced by the insider is California Democrat Dianne Feinstein. The *Timeline* also believes that the person who witnessed the backstage incident with Obama was Kam Kuwata, a Democrat political operative from California who helped organize the 2008 convention and who was found dead in April 2011. No autopsy was performed. Feinstein attended Kuwata's funeral. If Kuwata had seen the Denver incident he very likely would have related the story to his good friend Feinstein. Unfortunately, he may have told one person too many—and may have lost his life as a result. Kuwata also worked for candidate Rocky Delgadillo, who opposed Kamala Harris in the 2010 California Democrat primary race for Attorney General. California Progress Report referred to the far-left, “fellow traveler” Harris as “the darling of the Obama activist base of the party.” Kamala Harris is the sister-in-law of Tony West—who Obama appointed as Assistant Attorney General, in charge of the Department of Justice's Civil Division. West, a major fundraiser for Obama in California, was a member of the “GITMO 9”—a group of attorneys who represented terrorists held at the detainee center at Guantanamo. West also represented John Walker Lindh, the “American Taliban” captured in Afghanistan in 2001, and helped him avoid a death sentence. Harris and West certainly had the ability to call off an investigation into the mysterious death of Kam Kuwata. West has been the lead attorney in the Obama administration's lawsuit against Arizona's legislation against illegal immigrants. No one will be surprised if Obama names West to fill the Attorney General position if Eric Holder resigns. (Like Holder, West “knows where the bodies are buried.”) [28336, 28337, 28338, 28339, 28342, 28420, 28421, 28422, 28423, 28424, 28425, 28426]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “According to Border Patrol sources, violent MS-13 [Mara Salvatrucha] gang members are using the Nogales processing center in Arizona as a recruitment hub and as a transfer point for gang members to get into the United States. The Red Cross has set up phone banks inside the processing center so unaccompanied minors can make phone calls to family members inside the United States and back home in Central America. According to sources, those phones are also being used by MS-13 members to communicate with gang members already in the United States and operating in cities like Atlanta, New York and Chicago. Further, many teenaged males inside the facility have approached Border Patrol agents and have said gang members have tried to recruit them from shared cells. According to the FBI, MS-13 regularly targets middle and high school students for recruitment.” Shawn Moran, vice president of the National Border Patrol Council, states, “The National Border Patrol Council believes there to be serious security issues at the Nogales Processing Center. Agents' hands are tied due to the policies governing the care and lodging of juveniles and this has allowed gang recruitment and activity to flourish amongst those being detained. Customs and Border Protection needs to do more to ensure that gang members that are in

custody at the NPC are identified, prosecuted, and prohibited from benefiting from this crisis.” Pavlich notes, “MS-13 members are required to be processed by Border Patrol and then are handed over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where they are often times placed inside the U.S. and given a court date. They rarely show up. By U.S. legal standards many gang members operating in Central American countries and traveling north are classified as minors due to being under the age of 18. However, many young males are actively engaged in violent cartel and criminal activity, yet are treated as children when processed through the Department of Health and Human Services or Department of Homeland Security systems.” [61469]

Officials in Lynn, Massachusetts tell National Review that admission of foreign students (legal and illegal) in the city’s schools has increased dramatically in the last few years. Jamie Cerulli, the Lynn mayor’s chief of staff, says, “Some of them have had gray hair and they’re telling you that they’re 17 years old and they have no documentation. If my children went to the public schools, I’d be very uncomfortable with all of these unaccompanied minors [that] are placed in the ninth grade.” [61615, 62065, 62066]

Black protesters in Chicago gather outside the Chicago Police Department to call for the resignation of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and criticize Obama for helping illegal immigrants while not helping the residents of inner cities. One demonstrator says, “For [Obama] to set aside all of these funds for immigrants and [have] forsaken the African-American community, I think that’s a disgrace. ...Barack will go down as the worst... ever elected; Bill Clinton was the African-American President. ...Barack needs to pay attention to Chicago. If he cannot pay attention to Chicago and the African-American community, he needs to resign.” Others say, “Do something for our children. Have the same love for these young people like you got for the ones across the border, and you want to save them,” “With [Obama] setting aside all of these funds for immigrants, and forsaking the African American community and African American families, I think that’s a disgrace,” “Mr. [Obama]... you’re spending billions of dollars in Texas, but we’ve got a problem here in Chicago,” and “Today, if you look at the time we were brought here as slaves 400 years ago, we got the same results today.” (Obama’s scheme to bring hundreds of thousands of future Democrats into the United States via Mexico may backfire. Although it may please many Hispanics, it may also anger immigrants who entered the country legally, many Democrats who do not support open borders, and black voters who may feel Obama has deserted them.) [61561, 61565, 61604, 61688]

Rush Limbaugh tells his radio audience, “Obama was able to close down Washington Mall, he was able to stop veteran’s ceremonies, he’s able to shut down the Blue Ridge Parkway, he was even able to shut down the Grand Canyon, visits to the Grand Canyon, he’s able to shut down visits to Jellystone National Park, he was able, while the World War II memorial was shut down, he allowed for a pro-immigration rally... yet he tells us that he can’t shut down the border!” [61504]

Michelle Obama, addressing the League of United Latin American Citizens convention, says, “So make no mistake about it, we have to keep on fighting as hard as we can on

immigration, and as my husband has said, he's going to do whatever administrative action it takes to fix this broken system. ...We cannot afford to wait on [sic; for] Congress to lift up our next generation. We can't afford to wait on [sic; for] anybody when it comes to our kids' future. Your grandparents and parents didn't wait for opportunities to come to them. No, they packed up their families and moved to this country for a better life. ...Back then [when LULAC was founded in 1929], Latinos were being brutalized and killed by police and lynched by the KKK. 'No Mexicans Allowed' signs [were] hung outside of restaurants and storefronts. Latinos often couldn't own property or serve on a jury. And if you walked into a public building, you'd often see not two water fountains, but three—one white, one black, and one brown." (What any of that has to do with legal versus illegal immigration is not clear.) [61505]

According to a Gallup poll, Obama's approval rating among American Muslims is 72 percent—higher than any other religion. Twenty percent of Muslim-Americans disapprove of Obama. (The poll does not indicate a Sunni versus Shi'ite breakdown. Some might believe that Sunni Muslims rate Obama higher than Shi'ite Muslims, because Obama's actions have favored Sunnis around the world.) [A] higher percentage of Christians—both Catholic and Protestant—disapprove of Obama than approve. Specifically, 44 percent of Catholics approve of [Obama] compared to 51 percent who disapprove. In the category Protestants/Other Christians, just 37 percent approve compared to 58 percent who disapprove. ...Behind Muslims, Non-Christians and No Religion/Atheists give [Obama] the next highest approval ratings, of 59 percent and 54 percent, respectively. Those who identify as Jewish also give him a comparable approval rating of 55 percent. Mormons are the least approving religious group with a 78 percent disapproval rating compared to just 18 percent who approve of the job Obama is doing." [61470, 61490, 61517]

Newsmax.com reports, "On July 23, [Obama] will attend a photo reception and dinner at the home of Shonda Rhimes, producer of the ABC medical drama 'Grey's Anatomy' and the political thriller 'Scandal,' with 'Scandal' star Kerry Washington hosting. The price for attending the photo reception and taking a photo with [Obama] is \$5,000 per person. For a mere \$10,000, you can also sit down to dinner with Obama. ...Earlier, on July 15, Michelle Obama will attend a small roundtable discussion and field questions for an hour. Attendance will set a guest back \$5,000. Packages are also available. The \$15,000 special includes attendance for two guests at the Michelle Obama roundtable and the July 23 reception and photo with [her husband]. And the \$25,000 package includes the first lady roundtable plus a seat at a small roundtable with [her husband] on July 24. And for a tidy \$32,000, two guests can attend the photo reception and dinner with [Obama], and one can claim a seat at [Obama's] roundtable on July 24." [61491, 62098]

At Breitbart.com Brandon Darby writes, "Illegal aliens are being allowed to fly on commercial airliners without valid identification, according to the National Border Patrol Council (NBPC). 'The aliens who are getting released on their own recognizance are being allowed to board and travel commercial airliners by simply showing their Notice to Appear forms,' NBPC's Local 2455 Spokesman, Hector Garza, told Breitbart Texas.

‘This is not the CBP [Customs and Border Protection] or another federal agency renting or leasing an aircraft, these are the same planes that the American public uses for domestic travel,’ said Garza. ‘This just adds insult to injury. Not only are we releasing unknown illegal aliens onto American streets, but we are allowing them to travel commercially using paperwork that could easily be reproduced or manipulated on any home computer. The Notice to Appear form has no photo, anyone can make one and manipulate one. They do not have any security features, no watermark, nothing. They are simply printed on standard copy paper based on the information the illegal alien says is the truth.’ Spokesman Garza continued, ‘We do not know who these people are, we often have to solely rely on who they say they are, where they say they came from, and the history they say they have. We know nothing about most of them, ICE releases them into the American public, and now they are boarding aircraft at will with a simple paper document that anyone can easily alter or reproduce themselves.’” [61493]

The situation would be laughable if it were not so serious—and a threat to the nation. The majority of the illegal immigrants crossing the border—and especially the children—likely do not carry any form of identification, let alone a photo ID. They are given a copy of form I-862 (Notice to Appear), which provides the date of their court hearing. Most will not bother to appear in court. Additionally, the name entered in the form is whatever name the illegal immigrant gives the border official. If Juan Garcia lies and says his name is Jose Rodriguez, the latter name will be placed on the form. When he fails to show up in court, no one will be able to find that person—because he does not exist. For Obama to claim the illegal immigrants risk deportation is an insult to the intelligence of the American people. A member of Hamas or ISIS who managed to learn some rudimentary Spanish could easily cross the border, provide a false name, and then disappear into the United States—to plot a major terrorist attack that might involve poisoning the water supply of a major American city or blowing up a power plant and placing that city in the dark for weeks. [61493]

NationalReview.com reports, “A Border Patrol agent from the Laredo, Texas, Sector has been hospitalized for seven days with bacterial pneumonia, which the agent contracted while processing illegal immigrants, officials from National Border Patrol Council 2455 tell National Review Online. Agent Jarrad Seely, vice president of NBPC 2455, says the agent is expected to have chronic asthmatic symptoms for life, according to information relayed by the agent. The illness has so swollen the agent’s throat that it’s difficult for the agent to speak... Seely says the Laredo Sector has recently had illegal immigrants arrive with active cases of tuberculosis, scabies, lice and chicken pox.” [61494]

Republican governors meeting at the National Governors Association criticize the Obama administration over the border crisis. Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman says, “I found out in the last 48 hours that approximately 200 illegal individuals have been transported to Nebraska. The federal government is complicit in a secret operation to transfer illegal individuals to my state and they won’t tell us who they are. ... We’re going to treat any person, particularly children, humanely while they’re here. [But] They should humanely and expeditiously be returned to their country of origin to their family.” Democrats are

supportive of Obama. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley grossly exaggerates the reality of the situation, saying, "I believe it is contrary to everything we believe as a people to summarily send children back to death." (More than 50,000 children have entered the United States illegally since October 2013. To suggest that many of those 50,000 children would be dead had Obama not loosened border security is absurd.) [61506, 61633, 61684]

According to TheBlaze.com, "A key Republican said Friday that ...Obama's multibillion-dollar emergency request for the border is too big to get through the House, as a growing number of Democrats rejected policy changes Republicans are demanding as their price for approving any money. The developments indicated that Obama faces an uphill climb as he pushes Congress to approve \$3.7 billion to deal with tens of thousands of unaccompanied kids who've been arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border from poor and increasingly violent Central American nations. And they suggested that even as the children keep coming, any final resolution is likely weeks away on Capitol Hill. Officials reportedly told Congress on Thursday that the \$3.7 billion would in-part pay for health care, schooling and lawyers for the illegal immigrant children who have been flooding across the border recently. The Obama administration is asking lawmakers to approve the funds quickly." Congressman Hal Rogers (R-KY), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, tells reporters: "It's too much money. We don't need it." [61528, 61529]

CNSNews.com reports, "Not counting instances when he quoted a letter from a citizen or cited dialogue from a movie, ...Obama used the first person singular—including the pronouns 'I' and 'me' and the adjective 'my'—199 times in a speech he delivered Thursday vowing to use unilateral executive action to achieve his policy goals that Congress would not enact through the normal, constitutional legislative process." [61507]

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, sends a 37-page letter to Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), head of the new select committee on Benghazi, outlining attempts by the State Department to block the investigation of the terrorist attack. According to FoxNews.com, "Issa said the State Department promised to cooperate with Congress but failed to actually provide information requested and missed many deadlines. He also claimed the State Department threatened to destroy 'committee property necessary for internal organization of in camera documents' and called out 'abusive State Department document redaction practices.' According to the letter, the State Department in early 2013 refused to hand over documents to the committee and demanded that the documents be reviewed in private. Issa's letter added State officials also started leaving some of the documents behind or forgot to bring them to meetings. Issa's letter also cited State's 'abusive' redaction of key documents, and said the department tried to retroactively declassify documents to prevent their release. 'To mark a document with the lowest possible classification but the highest possible declassify date—25 years—is highly unusual,' the letter stated." [61514, 61515, 61579]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, “When Obama administration officials revealed plans this week to rebuild the White House’s bowling lanes, they failed to mention that the George W. Bush administration paid for a renovation of the facility just before President Obama took office. A former official in the Bush White House, John Dorff, said the bowling lanes in the basement of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building were rebuilt in 2007-08 in a project that took several months to complete. The renovations were needed to repair water damage caused by an unrelated construction project in the building. ...The General Services Administration posted a notice online Wednesday of the Obama administration’s intention to rebuild the bowling alley with ‘green’ materials, saying the lanes are ‘damaged and outdated.’ Several hours after the GSA posted the notice, however, the agency cancelled the proposal without explanation. ...The two bowling lanes are exclusively for use by White House employees and their guests, who are allowed to hold BYOB bowling parties at the facility. One bowler who used the lanes in 2010 said on Yelp that the bowling alley was in ‘surprisingly good condition.’ But another bowler said in 2012 that the ball return was broken.” [61521]

In a lawsuit against the IRS brought by the True the Vote organization, Judge Reggie Walton orders the IRS to explain what happened to former official Lois Lerner’s hard drive. Stephen L. Manning, an Information Technology supervisor at the IRS, later states it was likely destroyed by shredding and then recycled. [61763]

Muslims firebomb a synagogue in a suburb of Paris. Hareetz.com notes that the bombing is “part of a string of anti-Semitic incidents in Western Europe coinciding with Israel’s assault on Hamas in Gaza.” Pamela Geller writes, “With Muslims now accounting for 10% of France’s population, the level of Jew-hatred is at a fever pitch.” (Obama has no comment.) [61539, 61540, 61576, 61626]

On July 12 the Associated Press reports, “Israeli airstrikes targeting Hamas in Gaza hit a mosque and a center for the disabled where two women were killed Saturday, raising the Palestinian death toll from the offensive to more than 120, Palestinian officials said. The Israeli military said the mosque concealed rockets like those used in the barrage of nearly 700 fired by Gaza militants at Israel over the five-day offensive, while saying it was investigating claims about the other sites hit. ...The Israeli military released an aerial photo of the mosque it said it hit, saying Hamas hid rockets in it right next to another religious site and civilian homes. It said Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Gaza militant groups use this tactic of abusing religious sites to conceal weapons and establish underground tunnel networks, deliberately endangering its own civilians. ‘Hamas terrorists systematically exploit and choose to put Palestinians in Gaza in harm’s way and continue to locate their positions among civilian areas and mosques, proving once more their disregard for human life and holy sites,’ said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli military spokesman.” (While the media focuses in children inadvertently killed by Israel’s military action against Hamas, almost nothing is said about the children who died digging the terrorist group’s many tunnels. The Institute for Palestine Studies has reported that tunnel construction has resulted in as many as 160 child deaths.) [61510, 61513, 62017, 62018]

Hamas hides weapons in mosques and missile launchers in homes and schools. Israel fires warning missiles, drops leaflets, and sends text messages to the target areas, urging civilians to flee. Hamas then tells the civilians to ignore the warnings and stay in their homes, knowing full well that will increase the chances of their getting killed—because dead civilians are good for anti-Israel propaganda. One message from the Palestinian Authority Interior Minister tells Gaza residents the messages “are designed to weaken our resolve and to sow panic and fear among us, in light of the failures of our enemies. We call on Gaza residents not to pay attention to these messages and not to leave their homes.” Hamas also distributes hand grenades to children, knowing that during a ground invasion the Israeli soldiers will be reluctant to shoot a child—even if that child is tossing a grenade in their direction. Pamela Geller comments, “Hamas said it hoped the mosque attack would galvanize support in the Muslim world. Which is exactly why these savages would hide missiles, rockets and arms in a ‘house of worship.’ I think it will have the opposite effect. Any movement or ideology that commands, teaches to use their houses of worship to make war against innocent civilians because of their faith or lack of it needs to be destroyed.” (Hamas wants dead children for propaganda purposes. Similarly, Obama’s immigration policies were designed to flood the border with women and children—not adult men. Obama actions are meant to make people respond with their emotions, rather than with reason. Like Hamas, Obama is manipulative. Like Hamas, Obama is willing to put the lives of children at risk in order to further his ideological agenda. The less charitable might accuse Obama of being a terrorist.) [61510, 61513, 61594, 61662, 61756, 61779, 61782, 61804, 61806, 61807, 61808]

In Berlin, as many as one thousand Muslims protest against Israel. [61541]

Julian Goldman, a former White House correspondent for Bloomberg who is now headed to CBS, marries Michael Gottlieb, a former White House counsel for Obama. The wedding is officiated by Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan. (The union is one of many between supposedly objective journalists and current or former Obama administration officials. The Media Research Center notes that in March, “another cozy news media-Democratic political world power couple was formed when *Today* show co-host Savannah Guthrie married Clinton-Gore political operative Michael Feldman, founder of a Democratic PR/lobbying firm.”) [61618]

ValleyMorningstar.com reports, “A Baptist nonprofit has plans to transform [Weslaco, Texas’] classic Palm Aire Hotel into an intake facility for children illegally immigrating into the United States by themselves—assuming the group can get through a city permitting process. The 600-bed facility would take children ages 12 to 17 immediately from Border Patrol custody and house them an average of 15 days, providing medical and mental health care, on-site educational programs, recreational programs and case management, said Krista Piferrer, a spokeswoman for BCFS. The organization, Baptist Child & Family Services, runs health and human services operations worldwide, including an existing facility in Harlingen. That would be closed and replaced with the Palm Aire, which would be double the size. BCFS hopes to open it by Oct. 1.” According

to TheGatewayPundit.com, “The Palm Aire Hotel and Suites currently advertises amenities such as two outdoor swimming pools—one Olympic sized—Jacuzzis, sauna, steam room, two racquetball courts, outdoor tennis courts, picnic area with grills and a fitness center with twenty machines and free weights. ...BCFS plans to employ 650 people at the Palm Aire Hotel and Suites, which would mean slightly over one worker per illegal alien child. According to the BCSF Website, the charity’s jobs pay from \$10 to \$45 per hour. ...According to a Hidalgo County commissioner, the BCFS contract for the Palm Aire Hotel and Suites is an annual one worth \$50 million per year. It is not part of the \$3.7 billion emergency funding for the illegal alien invasion requested by the Obama administration as the bill hasn’t yet passed but it is a good indication of where the money will go.” (FoxNews.com later reports that the plan “was scuttled after the prospect of taxpayers footing the bill for luxury lodging proved too much of a public relations obstacle.”) [61654, 61655, 61673, 61693]

Oscar-winning actor Jon Voight appears on *Huckabee*, and encourages viewers to see Dinesh D’Souza’s movie, *America: Imagine the World Without Her*. Voight also says, “Five years ago I stated that Obama would take the country apart piece-by-piece, that he would cause a civil war in this country. In hindsight we can see how many things have come to pass. My greatest heartache is that we sacrificed thousands of our American heroes liberating Iraq, only for ...Obama to pull out all troops, leaving Iraq now to be taken over by the terrorists. And what does he say about that? Nothing. Governor Romney warned us about Russia’s aggressions; now we have seen his concerns come to fruition. What does Obama say about that? Nothing. He has been warned numerous times by [Israeli] Prime Minister [Binyamin] Netanyahu that our most dangerous enemy now is Iran, who will most definitely have the nuclear bomb. And it will not be for peaceful purposes, it will be to destroy Israel and America, as they have stated. And we certainly can believe these threats. let us remember, let us not forget Benghazi. Let us not say, ‘What difference does it make?’ Obama found a perfect way to put this under the rug, blaming Republicans, saying that they just want to find fault with his administration. And still to this day we don’t know the truth. Let us not forget the unspeakable way our veterans have been ignored, and many left to die in many of our veteran hospitals. Let us not forget the IRS scandal. Does he [Obama] think that the American people are stupid? That they would believe that Lois Lerner is completely innocent and did not target all these conservative groups? And suddenly all the records are lost, nothing to be found to show her guilt. And his [Obama’s] newest and latest destruction... encouraging and allowing millions of poor illegal children from Central America, who would be a great burden monetarily for our country, and they are already spreading tuberculosis, scabies, and chicken pox, putting our own children at risk of catching these diseases. And this very serious influx has been brought about, not to benefit these young immigrant children, but in order to benefit the Democrats in the 2016 election.” [61535]

Voight continues, “The Democrat party has become a very negative force ...it’s more socialistic in their thinking, and they’ve given young women the wrong ideas about what democracy really is. [Congresswoman] Debbie Wasserman Schultz [D-FL] is the gang leader for all the wrong information to our young women, convincing them that Republicans are stopping their liberties and freedoms of reproduction, when the truth is,

as the Supreme Court upheld, that religious freedoms are being infringed upon.” Voight slams Obama for his treatment of Israel and support of terrorists with financial aid to the Palestinian Authority, which has partnered with Hamas. [61535]

On July 13 Newsmax.com reports, “Immigrants both legal and illegal accounted for all of the net employment growth since the turn of the century, according to a new report. In the first quarter of this year, there were 5.7 million more immigrants with a job than in 2000. But among native-born Americans, there were 127,000 fewer with a job in 2014 than in 2000—114.7 million this year compared to about 114.8 million in 2000, the report from the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) discloses. Because the native-born population grew significantly during that period while the number of those working decreased, there were 17 million more working-age natives unemployed in the first quarter of 2014 than in 2000.” [61519]

Photographs of illegal immigrants riding on the top of trains traveling through Mexico toward the United States no doubt make many Americans wonder what the laws are south of the border. At WND.com, Jerome Corsi writes, “The infamous Mexican ‘Death Train’—also called ‘La Bestia’ [‘The Beast’]...is being targeted by criminal complaints from Mexican authorities for allegedly violating the civil rights of passengers. The Beast is owned and run by a Mexican wholly owned subsidiary of Kansas City Southern, a U.S. train company that acquired the Mexican equipment and routes in 2005 to create a ‘NAFTA Railroad’ that was intended to fit into a multi-modal transportation technology so Chinese companies could deliver products into the heartland of the United States as an alternative to utilizing the West Coast ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Mexican prosecutors have filed criminal complaints charging [the] railroad with complicity in violations of the civil rights of the thousands of unaccompanied minors from Central America illegally hitching rides on the train in their efforts to cross into the U.S. over the border with Mexico. ...The charges are that the railroad companies were complicit in the commission of various crimes against migrants jumping on the train for a ride to the Mexican border, including the crimes of robbery, human trafficking, kidnapping, murder and extortion.” [61522]

At DCClothesline.com, Tony Mead writes of the mysterious deaths and disappearances of people who have connections to or were investigating the Sandy Hook school shootings. [61532]

In Vienna, Austria, Secretary of State John Kerry reportedly asks Iranian foreign minister, Mohammed Javad Zarif, to have Iran stop giving rockets to Hamas to use against Israel. (Whether Kerry threatened Iran with sanctions if Iran does not do so is not known—but it is highly unlikely. Whether Zarif laughed at Kerry’s request is also not known.) [61550]

On *Face the Nation*, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu says, “The Palestinian Ambassador sat in this chair right before I got on, and he said, ‘the root cause of the problem is the [Israeli] occupation.’ But those talking points are nine years old. Israel left Gaza. We withdrew all of our settlements from Gaza. We withdrew all of our military

forces from Gaza. And since that time, we've had 9,000 rockets fired at Israel. It's unacceptable. We have to defend ourselves." [61556]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Netanyahu says, "I just want your viewers to imagine the United States being bombarded—not in one city, or two cities—but in every city between New York and Colorado. Maybe 20 percent of the United States would be exempt from this. Eighty percent of your citizens would have to be in bomb shelters, or ready to go into bomb shelters within a minute to a minute-and-a-half max. No country can accept that. We can't accept that, and we'll take the necessary action to stop it... Here's the difference between us [Israel and the Palestinians]: We're using missile defense to protect our civilians, and they're using their civilians to protect their missiles." [61556]

On ABC's *This Week*, Attorney General Eric Holder enjoys a series of weak questions from Pierre Thomas. (For example, he is asked not about the IRS scandal, but about changing the name of the Washington Redskins football team, Sarah Palin, and gay marriage.) Holder also "plays the race card"—again. He says, "There's a certain level of vehemence [sic; he may mean venom], it seems to me, that's directed at me, directed at [Obama]. You know, people talking about taking their country back. I can't look into people's hearts, look into people's minds. But it seems to me that [Obama] has been treated differently than others. There's a certain racial component to this for some people. I don't think this is the thing that is a main driver, but for some there's a racial animus." (Holder is a coward. If he believes any particular members of Congress or other prominent Americans are acting against him and Obama because of racism, *he should provide their names and provide proof of his claims*. If he is not willing to do that, he should stop making groundless accusations. Yes, there are many individual Americans who are racists—black, white, and Hispanic—but they are not on the national stage and are not able to affect any government agenda.) At PJMedia.com Rick Moran writes, "It takes a truly self-absorbed man to think that the level of emotion engendered by opposition to public policies is somehow indicative of race hatred. But from Holder's point of view, it makes perfect sense. Obviously, [Obama's] policies are good for the country. Obviously, the only reason to oppose them is because you don't like [Obama's] race. Obviously, the madder you are at [Obama], the bigger the racist you are. Obviously." [61553, 61573, 61627, 61631, 61642, 61829]

To Holder, the phrase, "take our country back" is racist. At Townhall.com Larry Elder notes past uses of the phrase by various Democrats: then-Vermont Governor Howard Dean (2003), then-Senator John Kerry (2004), Senator Charles Schumer (2006), Obama (2007), Hillary Clinton (2008), then-New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (2008), and then-Senate candidate Al Franken (2008). Of Sarah Palin's call for Obama's impeachment, Holder says, "She wasn't a particularly good vice presidential candidate. She's an even worse judge of who ought to be impeached and why." [61687, 61829]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Texas Governor Rick Perry says Obama "was not even aware his Border Patrol was 40, 45 miles away, back from the border. They need to be right on the river, as a show of force." [61538]

During the *Fox News Sunday* panel discussion, veteran journalist Bob Woodward says of Obama's refusal to visit the border: "It's a mess, and somebody's got fix it. Karl Rove had a column in *The Wall Street Journal* about Obama going to all these fund-raisers, the equivalent... [Y]ou spend some time talking to people on the Hill, Democrats, and they feel [Obama] is disengaged from so many of these things. And I think [Obama] has got to get engaged. He clearly is capable. You know, I think of the political pressure builds, as it will, he will act. He is capable of that. The relationship now, the White House likes to play this down... If he would do things, if he would kind of say, look, this is the port to which we are sailing, on immigration and in foreign affairs. Key is the relationship with [House] Speaker [John] Boehner. I think Obama holds Boehner in some disdain. I know when I talked to Boehner for my last book, he said the big problem with the White House is you don't know who is in charge. Now, Obama is [technically] in charge, but for somebody like Boehner to say that and really believe that, there's lots of evidence, the question is who on lots of these issues is in charge so you can get something done, forward movement." [61566]

On *Fox Report*, veteran Democrat pollster and strategist Pat Caddell says, "The problem ultimately is, and we know this right now, you know, until you start and we now know from *The Wall Street Journal* piece this week, [the illegal immigrant] children will not be going back, because they never go back... By the way, until children are returned home who didn't get to stay here on amnesty, that's when people in South and Central America will decide [not to come]. [Obama] is so disengaged. I mean, it's all pizza and, you know, pool, and political cash. He has checked out... as a leader." [61567]

On CNN's *Reliable Sources*, White House press secretary Josh Earnest insists the Obama administration has "absolutely" been "the most transparent" in history. [61536, 61555, 61560, 61569]

Former Vice President Dick Cheney tells CNN's Jake Tapper, "Jimmy Carter might have been a better president than Barack Obama and I didn't think I would ever say that. ...At this point the push for impeachment is counterproductive. ...I think the republic is in danger. The situation is growing more perilous as long as Barack Obama is in office." [61602]

Canadian Prime Minister Stephan Harper issues a statement, "The indiscriminate rocket attacks from Gaza on Israel are terrorist acts, for which there is no justification. It is evident that Hamas is deliberately using human shields to further terror in the region. Failure by the international community to condemn these reprehensible actions would encourage these terrorists to continue their appalling actions. Canada calls on its allies and partners to recognize that these terrorist acts are unacceptable and that solidarity with Israel is the best way of stopping the conflict. Canada is unequivocally behind Israel. We support its right to defend itself, by itself, against these terror attacks, and urge Hamas to immediately cease their indiscriminate attacks on innocent Israeli civilians. Canada reiterates its call for the Palestinian government to disarm Hamas and other Palestinian

terrorist groups operating in Gaza, including the Iranian proxy, Palestinian Islamic Jihad.” (Some might argue that with Obama in the White House, Israel’s staunchest ally is now Canada—not the United States.) [61592]

At WND.com Bob Unruh writes, “A forensic profiler whose career has included work on the double-murder case against O.J. Simpson and the Natalie Holloway disappearance says Barack Obama is confessing he’s under enormous pressure and is ‘slipping mentally.’ ‘Not madness such as total loss of control mentally, but more and more drastic behavior seen in disturbed traumatized leaders,’ said Andrew G. Hodges, M.D., who wrote ‘The Obama Confession: Secret Fear, Secret Fury.’ ...Hodges works with words and analyzes the ‘see-all, tell-all unconscious mind’ of people. He calls it the ‘super intelligence’ and through psycholinguistics observes ‘how a person’s words reveal deeper unconscious messages.’ As he explains, ‘As a forensic profiler, I serve as a translator who decodes unique linguistic expressions that derive from a person’s deep unconscious, his super intelligence.’” [61525]

The Obama Timeline believes that rejection lies at the root of Obama’s psychological problems. He frequently says that he was “raised by a single mother” when, in fact, he was mostly raised by his white grandparents in Hawaii. His mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, deserted Obama several times. She first unloaded him on her parents while she attended college. She later sent him from Indonesia back to Hawaii, while she remained in Jakarta with husband Lolo Soetoro and Obama’s half-sister, Maya Soetoro. Of course, Obama was also abandoned by his alleged father, Kenyan Barack Hussein Obama, Sr., who had virtually nothing to do with him (if he even was his father). He was then abandoned by his step-father, who apparently thought nothing of Dunham shipping the boy back to Hawaii to again live with his grandparents. (Strangely, Obama’s book, *Dreams From My Father*, refers to his Kenyan father—who was essentially a non-factor in his life. But the book was almost certainly primarily penned by his terrorist comrade William Ayers and meant as a vehicle for his future political career. The book was about Obama the future candidate, not his drunken socialist father in Kenya. *Dreams* may also have been a subconscious attack on his mother for having deserted him several times—and for having been white. The book was perhaps a message to Stanley Ann Dunham: “I despise you so much for the way you treated me that I will not write a book about *your* influence on my life. I will instead write about the influence of my *father*—even though he had virtually no influence. *Dreams* was an insult to Obama’s mother.)

Obama’s racial anger and hatred of America’s past was strengthened—if not originated—by frequent conversations with his communist mentor (and possible father), Frank Marshall Davis. Davis, a friend of William Ayer’s father, was also a close friend of Obama’s grandfather, Stanley Armour Dunham. Dunham worked as a furniture salesman and could reportedly “charm the legs off a couch.” Daughter Stanley Ann was also known as a frequent liar. (One acquaintance remarked, “She would make you believe anything while you were face-to-face but, a few minutes after she’d leave, you’d realize what she said wasn’t very... realistic or true.”) Genetically, therefore, Obama was a born con man. That could mean only one thing: *a career in politics*.

Having to deal with repeated rejections from his mother, father, and step-father could easily cause severe psychological scars. Compound those rejections with grandparents who spoiled Obama by giving him everything he wanted while neither teaching him responsibility nor holding him accountable for anything. (For example, despite poor grades they kept footing the bill for his expensive private education, and he seems not to have had to work his way through college in any type of job.) Obama was therefore rejected by some and indulged by almost everyone else. Add to that the mysterious financial support he received to attend Harvard Law School, and a letter of recommendation from Malcolm X's lawyer, Percy Sutton, who arguably should have had no reason to believe Obama was capable of succeeding at the school. He became editor of the Harvard Law Review not because of any exceptional writing skills (the few articles he wrote during his college years displayed almost none), but because of rampant affirmative action. Quite simply, a smooth, level path was laid for Obama by others. He never had to work up a sweat.

Obama then worked in a variety of community activist jobs where he had to produce nothing of worth. (His boss, Gerald Kellman, said he wasn't very good at his job.) Obama also worked at a law firm where he never tried a case, did not take his work seriously, and spent his time working on his book. (Lawyer Allison Davis noted, "Some of my partners weren't happy with that, Barack sitting there with his keyboard on his lap and his feet up on the desk writing the book.") Entering politics, Obama was essentially given a free ride—as long as he pushed Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley's agenda. He won his first State Senate election by getting lawyers to remove his opponents' names from the ballot. Illinois State Senate President Emil Jones allowed Obama to take credit for legislation that others, like State Senator Ricky Hendon, had written. (Once in the U.S. Senate, Obama repaid Jones with tens of millions of dollars in federal spending for his district, which Jones glibly referred to as "steak" rather than "pork.")

Obama's other "jobs" included sitting on the boards of leftist organizations, along with William Ayers, deciding who would be given grants. He ran leadership training sessions for ACORN activists. As a part-time law lecturer (he was never a law professor), Obama taught classes on race and law. The syllabus for a class Obama taught in the spring of 1994, "Current Issues in Racism and the Law," covered the topics, "Discussion of Reconstruction and Jim Crow," "Discussion of Black Response," and "Discussion of Civil Rights/Backlash." Student discussion topics suggested by Obama included, "The All-Black, All-Male School," "Interracial Adoptions," "Racial Gerrymandering," "Race and the Criminal Justice System," "Racial Bias in the Media," "Welfare Policy and Reproductive Freedom," "Affirmative Action," and "Reparations." (For the slavery reparations discussion, Obama posed such sample questions as, "Do such proposals have any realistic chance of working their way through the political system?" and "Would there be any legal impediments to such a broadly-conceived reparations policy?") Required reading assigned by Obama included works by Derrick Bell, his critical race theory professor at Harvard. If most of the classes taught by Obama were in a similar vein (another of his classes was called "Race, Racism, and the Law"), he should be considered a teacher of race and the law, rather than a "professor of constitutional law."

(Obama's choice of subject matter suggests that the issue of race affects every aspect of his life.)

Obama was handed the national spotlight by being chosen to deliver the keynote address at the 2004 Democrat National Convention. His insipid but well-delivered speech inspired viewers who “think” with their emotions, and Obama rode that one-trick unicorn all the way to a U.S. Senate seat. He was aided by red-diaper-baby political operative David Axelrod, who managed to get the sealed divorce records of both Obama's primary *and* general election opponents unsealed. (Without Axelrod's trickery, Obama would have lost the primary and remained in the Illinois State Senate.) Upon becoming a U.S. Senator, Obama got right to work planning his presidential run. Even that involved thuggery, with Obama's operatives making sure that some of the delegates Hillary Clinton won in the primaries would not be seated in the convention hall. Obama then waltzed his way into the White House, having been fortunate enough to have as his opponent one of the weakest candidates the Republican Party had ever nominated.

Enduring his second term, the voters now understand that Obama has few skills beyond manipulating their emotions, telling bold lies, attacking his opponents, recycling worn-out false choice and straw man arguments, and exchanging governing for golf games. *Obama is not and never was a leader.* The more the American people come to that realization, and the more the media begin to (finally) question his skills, the more Obama finds himself without support. It was bad enough for his psyche that his mother, father, and step-father abandoned him. But he now has to deal with the fact that *the American people are abandoning him.* For years he had grandparents, bosses, crooked politicians, and leftist journalists making excuses for him and not holding him accountable. Now he is losing that cover.

The “race card” has always, of course, been one of Obama's covers. But it must be understood that while many others use the tactic in a shameless and purely political manner, Obama has *no choice* but to rely on it. Yes, a part of him believes he has routinely suffered discrimination (as foolish as that may be, considering his life history). It is understandable, however, inasmuch as the bitter Frank Marshall Davis no doubt beat that race drum as loudly as he could for the countless hours he spent with an impressionable young Barack Hussein Obama. But Obama simply cannot afford to abandon the racial discrimination excuse for his failures, *because it is practically all he has left.* The further his approval ratings plunge, the more scandals his administration racks up, the more Democrat voters turn away from him and toward Hillary Clinton or Elizabeth Warren, the more he loses even media supporters like Andrea Mitchell, the more Obama must consider that the fault lies within him, and not others. For him to come to that realization *consciously* would be best for his mental health. But it will be difficult for him to do so because he is obviously surrounded by people who are afraid to confront him with reality. Obama's closest advisor is Valerie Jarrett, but she cannot be trusted to tell him the truth—partly because she likely does not realize it herself, and partly because her life is almost totally invested in his. If he fails, she fails. *She must therefore continue the charade.*

If Obama cannot consciously accept his own failures, that leaves his *subconscious* to accept them—gradually, at first, and then at an accelerating pace. As that pace quickens, the internal conflict between his conscious and his subconscious also increases—possibly to an alarming level. At that point, Obama may almost completely lose his coping mechanisms. He will still attempt to use them, but they will be increasingly be questioned, if not downright rejected, by others. In the past, Obama probably relied on drugs as one of his coping mechanisms. He perhaps still does—under the watchful eye of his confidante, “Valsputin” Jarrett. But his world is falling apart. He is being abandoned by Democrats who do not want him anywhere their reelection campaigns. He is being abandoned by independent voters who have figured out that he conned them. He is even being abandoned by blacks who realize they are worse off than they were when he first took office, and who resent his opening up the borders for even more job competition. Even worse for Obama, he is slowly being abandoned by journalists, who know they have to distance themselves—and Clinton and Warren—from him if they expect to help one of them win the White House in 2016.

The Obama Timeline believes Obama is slowly beginning to crack. In his recent public appearances, he has been either a thin-skinned, whiny, weakling who cannot tolerate criticism and who instinctively strikes back at his political opponents for his own failures, or someone who appears totally disinterested in his job and who cannot wait to hit the golf courses at Martha’s Vineyard. (Obama recently said, “What I’ve said to my team is ‘Get me out of Washington,’” and, “With [the] Secret Service, I always tease them that I’m like a caged bear and every once in a while, I’ve got to break loose.”) Some may suggest that Obama is merely tired. (In fact, he appeared to almost doze off during a photo-op in Denver.) It is more likely that the charade that has been his life is finally catching up with him. What it may take to push him over the edge is not known. It may be still-worsening approval ratings. Or choruses of boos at public events. Or a foreign policy failure that turns even Democrat Senators against him. Or a stock market crash. Or black Americans who finally comprehend that he has not been doing them any favors. But if Obama does go over the edge, even a “hit” from Valerie Jarrett’s stash may not help him. The Secret Service may find him huddled under his Oval Office desk, curled up in a fetal position, crying out, “Mommy, why did you abandon me?” Joe Biden had better be prepared. [20, 33, 35, 42, 47, 53, 98, 99, 190, 204, 239, 259, 283, 292, 297, 324, 345, 346, 352, 420, 444, 564, 664, 834, 836, 842 pp. 8, 64, 88; 1282, 1607, 2500, 2501, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 61526, 61629]

In response to this *Timeline’s* comments about Obama’s mental health, some readers suggest starting a petition at WhiteHouse.gov calling for him to have a psychological evaluation.

At DCClothesline.com Walid Shoebat writes, “While broaching the subject in her book about the controversy surrounding her adviser Huma Abedin’s connections to the Muslim Brotherhood, which went mainstream a full year after those connections were discovered by Shoebat.com, Hillary Clinton has inadvertently provided more evidence that Abedin *is*

a stealth agent for the Brotherhood. What may seem like a harmless admission—that Huma traveled to Cairo with Hillary in 2012—is actually quite a damning revelation considering that Huma (a Muslim)—was [is] married to Anthony Weiner (a Jew) coupled with who was in power in Egypt at the time—the Muslim Brotherhood. ... Why did Abedin... join Hillary Clinton on a trip to Egypt when that country was ruled by the extremely fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood and President [Mohamed] Mursi [or Morsi]? Did the secret service object? Did Mursi? That Abedin was with Clinton during that visit received scant media attention at best. According to a Daily Beast report from a year later, it was Abedin who pushed for Clinton to make the trip. Why would a Muslim woman married to a Jew push for to visit a country run by the extremely fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood??? As was the case all throughout the summer of 2012, extremely legitimate questions were never answered, like how Abedin ever received a security clearance when her family members have irrefutable links to the Muslim Brotherhood. This is not a matter of guilt by association; it has always been about conflict of interest. ... If Huma is *not* a stealth Muslim Brotherhood agent, she would have been in significant danger by traveling to Egypt during the Muslim Brotherhood's rule there. Mursi likely would have had a problem allowing a Muslim woman who married a Jewish man to have such access. Then again, Abedin's mother and Mursi's wife have been close colleagues for years as both are co-leaders in the Muslim Sisterhood, as Shoebat.com first revealed. There have even been credible reports that the Clintons and the Mursis go back several years as well, which Shoebat.com explored at length." [61534]

Not only is Hillary Clinton linked to the Muslim Brotherhood via Huma Abedin, Obama himself has connections—via his half-brother, Abon'go "Roy" Malik Obama. Malik Obama has been seen wearing the Hamas scarf with the Palestinian slogan, "Jerusalem is ours—WE ARE COMING!" Malik Obama has operated a shady charity called the Barack H. Obama Foundation, which was given quick, retroactive tax-exempt status by Lois Lerner. (The foundation's address is a UPS store in Virginia.) Malik Obama is also the Executive Secretary of the Islamic Da'wa Organization (IDO). The IDO was created by the Sudanese Government, which is considered by the U.S. State Department a terrorist state. Shoebat.com notes, "Malik reads and speaks fluent Arabic as do many in his family, like cousin Musa Ismail Obama and uncle Sayyid, who've been to at least one prominent Wahhabist university in Saudi Arabia. Barack recited the opening lines of the Arabic call to prayer with a 'first-rate accent' according to the New York Times' Nicholas Kristof." [44795, 44976, 45068, 45086, 45316, 45397, 45402, 62161, 62162]

Hamas rejects an Egyptian proposal for a 40-hour cease fire in the terrorist group's rocket attacks on Israel. According to TimesofIsrael.com, "Israeli officials said they were open to the possibility of stopping the fighting for an agreed-upon period before negotiating the terms of a longer-term truce." (Pamela Geller writes, "Hamas doesn't want a ceasefire. They want to cause more pain to the Jewish people and their own supporters in order to gin up the ummah—specifically Muslims in the West. These attendant genocide marches in London, Paris, New York, The Hague, etc., the attacks on the Jews, violence, anarchy across the world—that is the objective of the devout Muslim group. I do not believe that ceasefire is an option for Israel. Even so, Egypt wishes to lead the Muslim world in calling for Hamas and Israel to return to the 2012 agreement. Israel has said it is

willing to accept the terms of that agreement, but Hamas has refused.”) [61542, 61543, 61590, 61614]

Violence erupts again in Paris, as thousands of Muslims protest against Israel. TimesofIsrael.com reports, “[C]lashes erupted at the end of the march on Bastille Square, with people throwing projectiles onto a cordon of police who responded with tear gas. The unrest was continuing early Sunday evening. Media reports said that hundreds of Jews were trapped inside a synagogue in the area and police units were sent to rescue them. A person in the synagogue told Israel’s Channel 2 news that protesters hurled stones and bricks at the building, ‘like it was an intifada.’ Riot police dispersed the group, with two members of the Jewish community and six officers slightly injured in the ensuing scuffle, the source said. ...A second synagogue was also attacked. Six protesters were arrested, police said.” One video shows Muslims breaking apart concrete sidewalks and picking up the pieces to throw at the outnumbered police. (The French government responds with a ban on pro-jihad, anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian demonstrations because of the “threat to public order.” Violators face one year in prison and a 15,000 euro fine.) [61544, 61767, 61768, 61780, 61862]

In a 16-minute video, the Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram express support for the ISIS terrorists in Iraq and Syria—joining the Taliban, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, and al-Qaeda in Yemen in their support of the “caliphate.” (Obama has no comment.) [61545, 61546]

BostonHerald.com reports, “Illegal immigrants are being secretly flown to Massachusetts and kept in local lockups in an under-the-radar operation that has alarmed lawmen who are raising health and security concerns amid recent spikes in detainees coming up from Texas during the latest border crisis. ‘We’re all becoming border sheriffs now with these people being carted all over the country,’ said Bristol County Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson. ‘The blame goes all the way up. It’s a travesty and people ought to be upset,’ Hodgson said. ‘This is un-American and has raised the stakes to the public health and public safety threat.’ Hodgson said buses from his facility were recently used to transport six plane loads of illegals sent up from San Antonio to Hanscom Field in Bedford en route to the Plymouth County Correctional Facility.” [61587]

On July 14 the Israeli Defense Forces shoot down a Hamas drone flying along the coast. (Who is providing Hamas with drones is not known.) [61570, 61575]

The Department of Defense announces the sale of \$11 billion in weaponry to Qatar—which happens to be one of the nations that supports Hamas. [62029, 62030, 62031]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, “Nearly alone among European leaders, Milorad Dodik, the President of Republika Srpska (the Bosnian Serb Republic), has expressed unqualified support for Israel and its counter-terror operation in the wake of ongoing Palestinian rocket fire. In a letter sent to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Dodik

condemned the rocket attacks against Israel and noted his ‘complete understanding and support for Israel’s determination to respond to terrorist threats and actions in order to protect the safety of its citizens and their property.’ ‘The terrorist threats and actions of extreme Islamist groups are a threat to the entire world community,’ Dodik pointed out, adding that Israel is on the front lines in confronting this menace. Bosnia’s Serbs, Dodik said, ‘deeply and sincerely sympathize with the friendly people of the State of Israel,’ and asked Netanyahu to ‘please accept our profound respect, support and compassion for your people.’ Not to be confused with its sovereign neighbor Serbia, Republika Srpska is one of two autonomous political entities which constitute Bosnia. The other is known as the Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina, and is under joint Muslim and Croat rule.” (Pamela Geller notes, “Practically alone among European leaders, a Bosnian Serb leader has expressed unconditional support for Israel. Deeply antisemitic and afraid of their Muslim populations, European leaders back the jihadists in Gaza. This is not unexpected from Eurabia. European leaders backed the jihadists in Bosnia and dragged their toady Bill Clinton into the Bosnian war to fight for the Muslims against the Serb Christians, paving the way for a jihadist state in the heart of Europe.”) [61595, 61596]

According to BBCWatch.org, “A picture circulated by Hamas purporting to show a teenager in Gaza killed by an Israeli airstrike is in fact a still image from the Hollywood horror film ‘Final Destination 4.’” [61736, 61975]

Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman appears on *Fox & Friends* and complains that he had not been notified by the Obama administration that it had released 200 illegal immigrants in his state. “No one has been notified—notified us of that, So I’ve been on the telephone the last couple of days. The Department of Homeland Security referred me to the secretary of Health and Human Services. We want to know the names of those individuals, who their sponsor is, is their sponsor legal, what communities did you send them to? Why are they conducting a secret operation essentially, transporting them all over the country and now, we learn, to Nebraska and the federal government won’t tell us what’s going on. ...They know who they are, where they’re sending them and again, they won’t tell us whether they’re arriving by bus, by plane, by car. I have no idea and I have no idea what communities they’re going to in our state. And... who’s going to foot the bill? And in all likelihood, that means legal taxpayers are going to pay for services for illegal individuals.” (Meanwhile, attorney Orly Taitz files a lawsuit against the federal government, seeking an injunction against its dumping of illegal immigrants. A Texas judge schedules a pretrial hearing on October 28.) [61633, 61634]

The U.S. Army reveals that deserter Bowe Bergdahl is being returned to active duty—in a desk job at Fort Sam Houston, Texas—while his case is being investigated. (Although some may question the action, if the Army were to discharge Bergdahl it could not conduct court martial proceedings. He has to be moved from a medical facility to a regular job in order to follow the next steps in the processes against him.) According to BizPacReview.com, “Bergdahl has approximately \$200,000 due to him for back pay spanning the five years he was held by the Taliban. If the Army’s investigation determines he was a prisoner of war, he could collect another \$150,000... Tax rules allow

active-duty pay while in a combat zone to be exempt [from taxes], Fox News reported, adding that payments to former captives are also exempt according to the Department of Defense.” (How long it will take for the five Taliban leaders traded for Bergdahl by Obama to return to “active duty” is not known.) [61551, 61552, 61557, 61599, 61609, 61610, 61628]

Dr. John Jay Sherman, the new CEO of Cook County Health and Hospitals System (in Chicago), reportedly has to find \$67 million in savings over the next four months. According to ChicagoBusiness.com, “The health system, one of the largest public hospital networks in the country, is responsible for much of a projected \$86 million shortfall in Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle’s year-end budget figures. ...Most of the shortfall is due to the growing pains associated with CountyCare... which began in late 2012 as a pilot program to enroll patients who would become eligible for Medicaid through an expansion under the Affordable Care Act.” (Largely because of ObamaCare, *one county alone* needs to come up with \$86 million.) [61612, 61613]

Appearing on *The Glenn Beck Program*, author Brad Thor reacts to Attorney General Eric Holder’s latest charge that he and Obama are victims of racism. Thor says, “Mr. Holder, the one true racist in this dialogue is *you*. You see everything through the prism of race. You are the racist. You are using racism to cover up the inadequacy of the performance of the president of the United States, and the absolute dereliction of duty in your office. You, sir, are the racist. ... We have had such success in this country, as far as getting away from racism. There is no more institutionalized racism in the United States. We have a black [man in the White House]—that was a historic, very proud moment for this country. And for Eric Holder and his ilk—they want to use racism as a shield and a sword. So the people who are preventing a real dialogue about race in this country are people like Eric Holder. ... I want everyone in the United States to be successful. I want Hispanics, white people, Asians, I don’t care. I don’t see skin color. What I see is fellow human beings, fellow citizens, fellow citizens of the republic of the United States of America. But people like Al Sharpton, people like Barack Obama, are only successful to the degree to which the people they purport to represent are not successful. It is a completely inverse relationship. ... They only serve to harm black communities, and that needs to be addressed. You want to have a real conversation about race? Let’s have a real conversation about race. This is an attempt to chill free speech. That’s exactly what Holder’s up to, and Obama hides behind that shield, as well.” [61554]

At FoxNews.com Jana Winter reports that “Many [illegal immigrants] don’t make it across the river [the Rio Grande]; multiple sources became emotional when recounting their discoveries of small, lifeless bodies washed up along the riverbank.” [61577, 61578]

Border Agents and ranchers tell TheBlaze.com that among the items left along the illegal immigrant trails have been an Urdu-to-English dictionary, Qu’rans, and Muslim prayer rugs. (Urdu is spoken in Pakistan.) [61586]

In an interview on WMAL radio, Catherine Engelbrecht, president of True the Vote, confirms that although the IRS and other federal agencies were eager to harass her and her organization after it applied for tax-exempt status, she has yet to be contacted by the FBI or the Department of Justice for its so-called investigations of the ISR scandal: “At no time have they approached us. Only when they are investigating us. Only when they are being adversarial towards us do we ever hear anything from the Department of Justice. There has been no outreach to try and get to the bottom of the scandal at any time.” [61584]

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee questions the Federal Election Commission (FEC) about the hard drive crash of an employee who castigated Republicans and campaigned for Obama during her working hours, in violation of the Hatch Act. Committee chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) write, “As a part of a settlement agreement with the [Office of Special Counsel], Ms. [April] Sands admitted to violating the Hatch Act by soliciting political contributions via Twitter, conducting political activity through her Twitter account, and participating in a political discussion ‘via webcam from an FEC conference room... while on duty. The FEC [Office of Inspector General] sought to pursue criminal charges stemming from Ms. Sands’s solicitation of political contributions while on duty inside the FEC building. However, the FEC recycled Ms. Sands’s hard drive before the OIG was able to seize it, and therefore the OIG was unable to show that Ms. Sands’s solicitations and political activity were done from an FEC computer. The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia thereafter declined criminal prosecution.” (Sands reported to former IRS official Lois Lerner when Lerner served as the FEC’s Associate General Counsel for Enforcement.) [61606, 61607, 61611, 61623]

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad tells reporters he does not want the Obama administration dumping any of the illegal immigrants in his state. He says, “The first thing we need to do is secure the border. I do have empathy for these kids, but I also don’t want to send the signal that [you can] send your kids to America illegally. That’s not the right message.” [61585]

Meanwhile, Breitbart.com reports, “Protests from local elected officials in Maryland this weekend forced the Health and Human Services Department (HHS) to cancel its plans to send illegal immigrant children to an Army Reserve center in Westminster, which is about 35 miles from Baltimore. Maryland Democrat Gov. Martin O’Malley [a possible presidential primary candidate in 2016] said illegal immigrant children flooding across the border should be considered ‘refugees’ and all be given asylum status, but after [Congressman] Andy Harris (R-MD) publicized the federal government’s last-minute plans to sneak illegal immigrant children into Maryland, there was considerable blowback. HHS backed off, citing things like insufficient access to drinking water at the facility. In a Monday appearance on WBAL radio in Baltimore, Harris said he found out late Thursday evening about the Obama administration’s plans and ‘hit the ground running on Friday morning’ to stop it from happening. ‘We have to send a very clear message to HHS that this is crazy,’ Harris said. ...Last Friday, as Breitbart News

reported, Elaine, ‘a black caller from Baltimore, Maryland told Laura Ingraham on her radio show that she was ‘living a nightmare’ because her ‘whole neighborhood is so violent.’ She wanted to know where she could get refugee status in her own country. ‘There’s so much crime,’ she said. ‘I have gangs everywhere here in Baltimore! I can’t let my daughter ride her bicycle outside—I can’t do anything, Laura! I’m trapped here.’ Elaine said Democrats like ...Obama ‘want billions to help illegal immigrant children, but ‘nobody is saying a word’ about poor Americans or Americans trapped in violent neighborhoods. Well, what about my neighborhood? You don’t have to do it in Beverly Hills, but in the inner cities where we are suffering,’ she said. ‘My children cannot play outside. I cannot take my trash out without locking the door—it’s awful. Who is going to give us anything? Where can I get asylum? Where can I get refugee status? I don’t know what I can do. Nobody cares what happens to my children.’” [61589]

Many Americans argue that the Obama administration should demand that officials in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador act to stop their citizens from flooding into the United States—and reducing foreign aid would be a good way of prompting action. U.S. foreign aid to Guatemala in 2013 totaled about \$106 million; El Salvador was given \$46.8 million; Honduras received \$83.2 million. (The \$236 million total represents about \$118,000 for every mile of border between the United States and Mexico.) [61616, 61617]

Barack “no photo ops” Obama stages a photo op with a mock-up of a future “smart car” at a federal research center in Virginia. (The best tweet of the week: “The POTUS was against photo-ops before he was for them.”) [61651, 61652, 61653]

At WND.com Jerome Corsi writes, “In his new full-length documentary film, ‘There’s No Place Like Utopia,’ Joel Gilbert found Peggy Joseph, the Florida voter who became infamous during the 2008 presidential campaign for saying Barack Obama would ‘pay for my gas and my mortgage.’ [At a 2008 campaign event Joseph said, “I won’t have to worry about putting gas in my car, I won’t have to worry about paying my mortgage! If I help him, he’s going to help me!”] Surprisingly, some six years into the Obama [administration], Joseph has turned against [Obama], disappointed that he did not deliver on his ‘hope and change’ campaign promises. ...As Gilbert interviewed Joseph for his documentary, he was surprised to learn her life was quite opposite of the welfare mother image she had given on television. He was shocked to learn she was a suburban soccer mom with four children, who earned her living as a hard-working nurse, the daughter of Haitian immigrants. Even more surprising, Joseph and her children, just like her Haitian immigrant parents, had no history of ever accepting any form of government assistance or taxpayer-funded handouts. ‘Truth and honesty are important,’ Joseph explained to Gilbert in the film. ‘He [Obama] lied about everything.’ Joseph explained that after doing some research and listening more carefully to Obama, she realized he was a fraud, and ‘just like the Wizard of Oz, Obama has turned out to be nothing more than a man behind a curtain.’ She explained that her comments to a reporter in 2008 were a result of being caught up in the emotion of an Obama campaign rally, and she didn’t think for herself.” [61588, 61650]

The body of Faraj al-Shibli (also called Chalabi), is found in a small Libyan town. Al-Shibli was believed to have been involved in the Benghazi attack of September 11, 2012. [61619, 61620]

McClatchyDC.com reports, "...Iraqi and U.S. officials have confirmed that fighters allied with the Islamic State [ISIS] not only captured hundreds of U.S.-supplied Humvees and large amounts of ammunition in their march across Iraq, but they also now possess as many as 52 U.S.-supplied artillery pieces with GPS aiming systems. The 155mm guns have a range of 20 miles, putting many Iraqi cities still in government hands easily within range of Islamic State positions." [61695, 61696]

Reporter Ed Henry asks White House press secretary Josh Earnest, "How does the White House react to the notion that [Obama] is a bystander to all these [foreign policy] crises?" Earnest responds, "I think that there have been a number of situations in which you've seen this administration intervene in a meaningful way, that has, uh, substantially furthered American interests and substantially improved, uh, the, uh, the, you know, the... the tranquility of the, of the global community." (Congresswoman Michele Bachman (R-MN) later remarks, "The Obama administration has substantially improved the tranquility of the global community" Did he really say that *earnestly*? There may be a Sea of Tranquility on the Moon, but nowhere on Earth.") [61630, 61643, 61682, 61749, 61845, 62035]

Obama hosts a Ramadan celebration at the White House. He tells the assembled Muslims, "Israel has the right to defend itself against what I consider to be inexcusable attacks from Hamas... [but] I believe further escalation benefits no one, least of all the Israeli and the Palestinian people." (In other words, "Israel has a right to self-defense, but should not exercise that right.") Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett tweets, "Celebrating the holy season of #Ramadan here at the @White House #OpportunityforAll." [61801, 61828]

On July 15 Algemeiner.com reports, "Officials and public figures in Egypt are beginning to call for Israel and Egypt to wipe out Hamas in the Gaza Strip, which some are calling the 'armed branch of the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organization,' that runs the coastal enclave. A major Egyptian television news commentator savaged Hamas on Sunday [July 13] for its support of the Muslim Brotherhood, and called on her country to join Israel and strike the Islamist group. 'The Egyptian people know exactly who they are facing, and understand that there is no alternative to employing the Egyptian army to strike terror cells in Gaza and destroy Hamas in a military operation,' Hayah Al Dardiri, a presenter for *Egypt Today* told viewers." (Pamela Geller writes, "You know America has crossed a line under Obama when Egypt is more moderate than Obama.") [61597, 61598]

Vocativ.com reports that its "analysis of deep web chatter in ISIS forums suggests that the extremist Sunni organization, which has taken over roughly half of Iraq and threatens Assad in Syria, has ties with militant groups operating in Gaza." [61679, 61680]

Boko Haram terrorists murder at least 38 Christians in the Nigerian farming village of Dille. The jihadists burn the village and its three churches. (Obama, whose administration says Boko Haram has “legitimate concerns,” has no comment.) [61635, 61636, 61666]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is suggesting major changes to grocery stores to ‘nudge’ Americans to purchase healthier foods when they shop. The agency commissioned an ‘expert panel’ to make recommendations on how to guide the more than 47 million Americans on food stamps into spending their benefits on fruits and vegetables. The group released an 80-page report this month presenting their ideas, which include talking shopping carts and a marketing strategy for grocery chains that would feature better store lighting for healthier items. ...Another idea included a point-based system where food stamp recipients could receive movie tickets in exchange for healthy food purchases. ...The panel came up with six preferred strategies: discount coupons for SNAP recipients; rebates of up to \$60 for healthy purchases on EBT cards; buy one get one free deals for SNAP recipients; a targeted marketing plan to promote healthy food; a USDA loyalty card; and new specialized shopping carts. The ‘MyCart grocery cart’ would provide dividers for shoppers to make sure they are selecting enough items in each ‘MyPlate’ category, the USDA’s food icon. ...The cart would be color-coded, physically divided, and have a system installed so that when the shopping cart reaches its healthy ‘threshold’ it would congratulate the customer. ...The report estimated that implementing the new carts would cost roughly \$30,000 for every store. The change would be costly. For instance, Safeway, Inc. would need to spend \$40.05 million to introduce the carts at its 1,335 stores in the U.S.” [61773, 617743, 61775, 61776]

The White House and Obama issue a series of Twitter messages urging Congress to approve billions of dollars of new spending for infrastructure: “The Administration’s plan to #RebuildAmerica would increase investments to fix roads & bridges by 38% over 4 yrs,” “First-class infrastructure attracts first-class jobs,” “I put forward a plan to rebuild our transportation infrastructure in a more responsible way,” “We should be creating jobs rebuilding the roads and bridges that help every business in America,” “RT if you agree: It’s time to fix our crumbling roads and bridges,” “First-class infrastructure attracts first-class jobs.” (The White House does not explain why Obama’s \$787 billion infrastructure legislation in 2009 did not address the infrastructure problem.) [61601]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters Obama “won’t hesitate to participate” in photo-ops that “reinforce our values.” [61603]

In Vienna, Austria, Secretary of State John Kerry says, “...I was privileged to speak to the graduating class of Yale this year, and it was particularly a pleasure because it happened to turn out to be, literally, I hate to say it, 48 years to the day that I was privileged to speak as a graduating senior to my own class. And I talked to them about sort of the world [sic; the sort of world] we’re in right now, but at the end I tried to remind them all, which I remind you of, we are—I get always a little uptight when I hear

politicians say how exceptional we are—not because we’re not exceptional, but because it’s kind of in-your-face and a lot of other people are exceptional, a lot of other places do exceptional things.” (If Kerry is too embarrassed to declare that the United States is exceptional, he should resign.) [61639]

At Townhall.com John Hawkins posts a number of quotes from several sources that relate to illegal immigration: “Granting amnesty or legal status to illegals will generate costs in Medicare and Social Security alone of \$2.5 trillion above any taxes paid in.” “57 percent of all households that are led by an immigrant (legal or illegal) are enrolled in at least one welfare program.” “According to the California Hospital Association, health care for illegal aliens is costing state taxpayers well over \$1 billion a year. Eighty-four hospitals across California have already been forced to close because of unpaid bills by illegal aliens.” “CE deported only 134,000 illegal immigrants from the country’s interior in 2012. That figure — down 40 percent since 2009, when Obama took office — represents just 0.2 percent of the estimated 11.7 million illegals in the United States.” “At least 99.92% of illegal immigrants and visa overstays without known crimes on their records did not face removal.” “In the fourth quarter of 2012, there were 27 million American citizens who were 18 to 65 years old, had no education beyond high school, and were not working. (This figure excludes those in jails or prisons.) If just one-fourth of them were employed, their number would nearly equal that of the illegal-alien work force outside agriculture.” “In 2006, the Secure Fence Act was signed into law, requiring the Department of Homeland Security to build upward of 700 miles of double layered fencing along the U. S-Mexico border. While the Obama administration is quick to state that the targets have been met, only a small fraction—in fact, less than 40 miles—of the newly implemented infrastructure is double-layered.” “Roughly one in six illegal immigrants is re-arrested on criminal charges within three years of release, according to new government data being released [July 15].” “According to a May report of the Center for Immigration Studies, of the 36,000 criminal aliens who, while awaiting deportation, were set free by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 193 had been convicted of homicide, 426 of sexual assault, 303 of kidnapping, 1,075 of aggravated assault, 1,160 for stolen vehicles, 9,187 for possession or use of dangerous drugs, and 16,070 for driving drunk or drugged. Those 36,000 criminal aliens are roughly equivalent to three-and-a-half divisions of felons and social misfits released into our midst. And this does not include the 68,000 illegal aliens against whom ICE declined to press criminal charges last year, but turned loose.” [61605]

RedFlagNews.com posts an ad from a Murietta, California newspaper seeking “loving, compassionate parents to provide a loving home” for illegal immigrant minors. According to Breitbart.com the ad was reportedly placed by the Crittenton Services and Foster Family Agency. “It says, ‘Help heal the wounds... for children in foster care programs including survivors of human trafficking and unaccompanied refugee minors.’ Parents who offer up their homes could have a child placed in their home in ‘as short as 45 days’ and be paid up to \$6,054 per month, according to the advertisement. Cindy Lemos, [a] Murrieta resident, told Breitbart Texas that she called the number on the advertisement. She said, ‘I called this afternoon and the gentlemen I spoke to told me that they are receiving the illegal immigrants but that none of them are under the age of 12. I

asked him where all the younger children were... he told me that he was wondering the exact same thing.” [61608]

After Hamas rejects a cease-fire agreement proposed by Egypt, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu says in a televised address, “Hamas chose to continue fighting and will pay the price for that decision. When there is no cease-fire, our answer is fire.” According to *The Washington Post*, “Israel’s security cabinet approved the deal Monday morning, and Israel stopped its attacks on Gaza at 9 a.m. local time. But Hamas officials balked at the proposal, saying they had never been consulted. The rocket fire from Gaza continued unabated, and Israel resumed military operations in the territory at 3 p.m.” (Israel held off attacks for five hours. During that time, Hamas lobbed 47 rockets into Israel.) [61614, 61624, 61660, 61664]

Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) says, “Remember last year’s government shutdown that nearly tanked our economy? That fight started with a GOP effort to hold the whole operation of the federal government hostage in order to try to force Democrats and the president to let employers deny workers access to birth control.” (Warren is delusional. *WashingtonExaminer.com* points out, “The government shutdown occurred over a continuing resolution to fund the government since no budget could be agreed upon. Republicans used the opportunity to try and defund Obamacare. Republicans were upset over the Obama administration’s selective enforcement of certain provisions in Obamacare. The main problem the GOP had at the time was the announcement of a delay in the employer mandate.” [61621, 61622]

Senate Republicans act to call the Democrats’ bluff on the issue of contraception, with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announcing, “We plan to introduce legislation this week that says no employer can block any employee from legal access to her FDA-approved contraceptives. There’s no disagreement on that fundamental point.” (The legislation is, of course, meaningless inasmuch as no employers are blocking any employees from obtaining or using contraceptives. But it arguably forces Democrats to admit as much. *HuffingtonPost.com* writes, “[T]he GOP bill would change nothing, because women can already legally access contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration.” That, of course, is the point. Democrats cannot very well vote against the proposal, yet after its passage they also cannot claim that Republicans support employer discrimination against women. The only remaining issue is, therefore, whether all employers should be forced to pay for contraceptives. Senate Democrats will simply table the proposal and never schedule a vote.) [61646, 61647]

The White House defies a subpoena from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, refusing to allow political director David Simas to testify about his activities. According to *TheHill.com*, The committee believes Simas illegally uses staffers for partisan campaign activities and illegal fundraising within the White House itself. (Obama doggedly believes he can get away with anything because Democrats control the Senate and he has the support of the mainstream media. He apparently also believes the Democrats will not lose the Senate in the November elections. According to insider D.W.

Ulsterman, Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett reportedly told some nervous staffers, “They can’t touch us; we have the Senate.” Obama’s and Jarrett’s cockiness is perhaps based on inside knowledge of planned voter fraud.) [61656, 61657, 61670, 62079]

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), apparently seeking to buy the votes of young Americans, joins Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) in proposing legislation that would forgive student loan debt of less than \$57,500 after 20 years, or large amounts after 30 years. The legislation would mean that taxpayers would have to cover the losses. (Rubio also supported the Senate Democrats’ “comprehensive immigration reform: legislation. Some might argue that Rubio is quickly turning into a Democrat, seeking the votes of some Americans by increasing the tax burden on others.) [61667]

Maryland’s Democrat Governor, amnesty advocate Martin O’Malley, lets it be known he supports the Obama administration’s actions with regard to illegal immigrants—as long as none of them are bused to his state. O’Malley telephones White House policy advisor Cecilia Muniz—Obama’s “amnesty czar”—and pleads, “Please don’t send these kids to western Maryland.” At HotAir.com, Noah Rothman writes that O’Malley “wants to be the next President of the United States, and he’s just brazenly hypocritical enough for the job.” O’Malley claims he’s only looking after the illegal immigrant children, who might be “at risk of getting harassed.” (During the 2008 election, Maryland intentionally delayed the mailing of absentee ballots to members of the military. During the 2012 campaign, O’Malley warned that if Mitt Romney were elected he would return to the “record spending” of the Bush administration—ignoring the fact that Obama had spent far more than George W. Bush. A “millionaire’s tax” O’Malley pushed through in Maryland ended up costing the state at least \$1.7 billion in lost revenue—after thousands of residents fled to other states. O’Malley bragged that Maryland would “lead the nation” in its implementation of ObamaCare. Instead, Maryland’s exchange web site was a disaster. O’Malley also signed strict gun control laws for his state. In response, gun manufacturer expanded its operations in Tennessee, rather than Maryland. Like Obama, O’Malley is a fan of higher taxes, more federal regulations, and increased government spending.) 13785, 13786, 13787, 34120, 34156, 34168, 34191, 34192, 34242, 49304, 52176, 52205, 52386, 52387, 52665, 54259, 54278, 61658, 61659, 61669, 61881]

According to WND.com, “[T]he mother of all protests promises to be Friday and Saturday [July 18 and 19]. It’s dubbed the National Day of Protesting Against Immigration Reform, Amnesty & Border Surge, and it’s gaining support by the hour, said William Gheen, president of the Americans for Legal Immigration PAC and one of 11 sponsors. The main organizers are ALIPAC, Overpasses For America and MakeThemListen.com, Gheen said. ‘Right now it’s looking like we’ll have a little more than 300 protest rallies large and small across the country. Our goal is to unify Americans of all races, political parties and walks of life against the Obama-inspired illegal immigrant invasion,’ Gheen said. ‘At last count we had 257 communities signed up, but that was two hours ago. We’re expecting more than 300 and updating the event list every two hours.’” [61632, 61683]

Also at WND.com, Aaron Klein writes that talk of impeaching Obama may be irrelevant because he is not qualified to hold the office in the first place. Klein points out what this *Timeline* has repeated for year: The term “natural born citizen” historically means born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. Klein also repeats a statement made by Congressman John Bingham on the floor of the House of Representatives in 1866: “[I] find no fault with the introductory clause [S. 61 Bill], which is simply declaratory of what is written in the Constitution, that every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States *of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty* [emphasis added] is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen.” Klein mentions Emerich de Vattel’s *The Law of Nations*, which states, “The... natural-born citizens, are those born in the country, of parents who are citizens...” *Minor v. Happersett* (1874) notes, “At common law, with the nomenclature of which the framers of the constitution were familiar, it was never doubted that all children born in a country, *of parents* [plural, emphasis added] who were its citizens [plural], became themselves, upon their birth, citizens also. These were natives or natural-born citizens, as distinguished from aliens or foreigners. Some authorities go further, and include as citizens children born within the jurisdiction, without reference to the citizenship of their parents. As to this class there have been doubts, but never as to the first. For the purposes of this case, it is not necessary to solve these doubts. It is sufficient, for everything we have now to consider, that all children, born of citizen parents within the jurisdiction, are themselves citizens.” (For years, all these points have been made by *The Obama Timeline*. Why it has taken so long for others to catch up is not clear.) [61638]

On *The Five*, Greg Gutfield says Obama “is doing something, by doing nothing. Because instability is his stability. For example, his ‘tear down the wall’ moment is happening right now. Unfortunately, that wall is our wall. It’s the border. That’s an interesting contrast. By not doing something, he is watching something happen, he’s not really a leader as much as he is a facilitator of an ideology. And America, in a weird way, is his class project, for a grad student whose designs are coming to fruition. As far as [White House press secretary Josh Earnest’s claim of] ‘tranquility increasing,’ why are people storming our borders? He completely disproved the claim that people are coming here because of gang violence. In fact, it’s his policies that are attracting these people here. He’s not a magnet for immigration; he’s a linear accelerator. The world right now... is as stable as a Pier 1 bookshelf, and Obama seems as removed as flight 370 [the missing Malaysian airliner]. Nero fiddled, but Obama’s playing the whole damn orchestra. He has gone. ...And he doesn’t mind. ...When you visit somewhere, you’re supposed to leave it better off... Obama got it backwards. We gave him America, and in return he gave us Detroit.” [61641]

The House of Representatives votes to cut the IRS budget by 13 percent, and to block performance bonuses for IRS employees. Congressman Paul Gosar (R-AZ) states, “Giving out bonuses is ludicrous and amounts to a slap in the face to the American public. They should not be given performance awards in the wake of one of the largest scandals in recent history.” [61661, 61692]

On July 16 the House votes 367–55 to approve a \$10.8 billion transportation funding bill. Not surprisingly, Obama complains that a larger amount was not approved: “All this does is set us up for the same crisis a few months from now. So Congress shouldn’t pat itself on the back for averting disaster for a few months, kicking the can down the road for a few months, careening from crisis to crisis when it comes to something as basic as our infrastructure. Instead of barely paying our bills in the present, we should be investing in the future.” (Obama does not provide the location of the money tree he apparently believes exists.) [61640, 61649]

Twenty Hamas rockets are found in a school in Gaza operated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. TimesofIsrael.com reports, “The weapons were found in ‘the course of the regular inspection of its premises,’ UNRWA said in a statement, adding that the school was vacant. ‘UNRWA strongly condemns the group or groups responsible for placing the weapons in one of its installations. This is a flagrant violation of the inviolability of its premises under international law,’ the statement read.” Alarmingly, UNRWA responds to the outrage by turning the rockets over to “local authorities” (*which means Hamas*), rather than order them dismantled. (Like most United Nations agencies, the UNRWA is funded largely by the United States. One 6th grade textbook used by UNRWA includes this statement: “Jihad in the cause of God for raising the flag of Islam and preventing oppression and corruption on earth: ...When a Muslim man believes that God is the one who gives life and death, gain and loss, and that victory and power are in His hand, he then liberates himself from others’ control, and bravery and a desire to seek martyrdom in God’s cause are enlivened within his soul.” (U.S. tax dollars are being spent to promote Islamist jihad.) [61423, 61424, 61425, 61461, 61663, 61726, 61731, 61732, 61782, 61825, 61826, 61840]

Obama states, “Israel has a right to defend itself from rocket attacks... But over the past two weeks, we’ve all been heartbroken by the violence, especially the death and injury of so many innocent civilians in Gaza—men, women and children who were caught in the crossfire.” (As many as 1,800 rockets have been fired by Hamas into Israel over those same two weeks, and Obama pretends that they have had no impact on innocent Israelis.) [61828]

The well-respected and liberal law professor Jonathan Turley appears before the House Rules Committee and warns about Obama’s abuse of power: “Our system is changing, and this body is the one branch that must act if we are to reverse those changes. We are seeing the emergence of a different model of government, a model long-ago rejected by the framers. ...A dominant presidency has occurred with very little congressional opposition. Indeed, when ...Obama pledged to circumvent Congress, he received rapturous applause from the very body that he was proposing to make practically irrelevant. Now many members are contesting the right of this institution to even be heard in federal court. This body is moving from self-loathing to self-destruction in a system that is in crisis. [Obama’s] pledge to effectively govern alone is alarming, and what is most alarming is his ability to fulfill that pledge. When a president can govern alone, he can become a government unto himself, which is precisely the danger the

framers sought to avoid. What we're witnessing today is one of the greatest crises that members of this body will face. It has a patina of politics that is hard to penetrate. It did not start with ...Obama—I was critical of his predecessor, and certainly this goes back long before George Bush. But it has reached a tipping point [with Obama]." [61710, 61711]

Also testifying before the House Rules Committee is Walter Dellinger, former assistant attorney general under Bill Clinton. Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX) asks Dellinger whether Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) if elected president, could follow in Obama's footsteps and issue an executive order to suspend ObamaCare's individual mandate while he waits for Congress to repeal the legislation. Dellinger responds, "That's actually a very good question"—and then gives a very bad answer: "What should inform the judgment is, is the president acting because he just disagrees as a matter of policy with the law the Congress enacted? And that should lead us to think that we would be wary about that kind of delaying capacity if it's a policy disagreement. [Obama] actually agrees with the act as a whole of course." (In other words, "Obama should be allowed to change laws as he sees fit if he generally agrees with those laws, while a President Cruz should not be given such power.") [61715]

Acting Veterans Administration head Sloan Gibson tells the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee the agency can't do its job properly unless it is given an additional \$17.6 billion. [61718, 61719]

According to Gallup, "With thousands of undocumented immigrant minors crossing the nation's southern border in recent months, the percentage of Americans citing immigration as the top problem has surged to 17% this month, up from 5% in June, and the highest seen since 2006. As a result, immigration now virtually ties 'dissatisfaction with government,' at 16%, as the primary issue Americans think of when asked to name the country's top problem." [61644, 61645]

CNN's Chris Cuomo, doing his utmost best to defend Obama's shameful border policy, badgers guest Paul Babeu, sheriff of Pinal County, Arizona in a discussion of the handling of the thousands of illegal immigrants crossing the border. Cuomo accuses Babeu of "blowing it out of proportion" and "riling up" residents at a meeting—merely by asking them if they would like a federal official to appear in person to answer their questions. Cuomo charges that Babeu is "villainizing these kids" by "painting them as potential gang members. That's not good, okay? We both know that." (Of course, some of the "kids" are not "potential' gang members,' they are already gang members.) Cuomo lectures, "Don't fear monger. You have a lot of legitimate issues here that are law enforcement and political, but just, you know, the humanitarian aspect matters here." After more than 10 minutes portraying Babeu as a villain, Cuomo says, "I'm not saying you're a villain. You're a sheriff and I respect that, but I'm saying we don't want to villainize the kids either." [61699]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters the administration cannot let anyone know where illegal immigrants are being relocated because “there are privacy rights that are included in the law that this administration is committed to enforcing and following.” William Gheen, founder of Americans for Legal Immigration PAC, tells DailyCaller.com, “We are not surprised in the least to see the Obama administration imitate the smugglers. This is how smuggling operations work, this is what the smuggler-in-chief wants—secret planes and secret buses full of illegal immigrants.” [61727, 61728]

Obama meets with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and insists that later in the year he will be “as great and big and bold as he can be” on reducing deportations. The Hispanic Congressmen state they will support efforts to “expedite” the process of bringing illegal immigrant children before judges. (They do not support expediting deportations, just getting the illegal immigrants before judges—who will set a court date for a deportation hearing and then never see the immigrant again.) [61747]

The Obama administration imposes several additional economic sanctions on Russia in response to its actions in Ukraine. Obama says, “We live in a complex world and at a challenging time, and none of these challenges lend themselves to quick or easy solutions, but all of them require American leadership. And as commander in chief, I’m confident that if we stay patient and determined, that we will, in fact, meet these challenges.” (Retired Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North later observes, “The words ‘be patient and determined’ are code words for this administration saying, ‘We don’t know what the hell we’re doing and we’re trying to find a strategy’—because they have neither.”) Obama also suggests that he may extend Iran’s nuclear deadline: “Over the next few days, we’ll continue consulting with Congress, and our team will continue discussions with Iran and our partners as we determine whether additional time is necessary to extend our negotiations.” (The only result of extending the deadline will be the advancement of Iran’s nuclear program.) At Morning Jolt, Jim Geraghty writes, “If you’re always willing to extend the deadline, then it’s not really a deadline, is it? On paper, we’re watching negotiations between two parties with diametrically opposed interests—we want the Iranians to have as little of a nuclear program as possible; they want one as big (and easily switched to military applications) as possible. But in practice, we’ve got two parties with the same interest: the Obama administration wants negotiations to continue so they can claim their approach is working, and the Iranians want negotiations to continue so that their program keeps advancing and those centrifuges keep spinning. So both sides want the talks to go on indefinitely. At this point, we’re negotiating about the conditions for continuing negotiations. What would it take for ...Obama, John Kerry, and the rest of his administration to conclude, ‘These guys aren’t serious about a deal, they’re stalling for time, and we’re playing into their hands by continuing these negotiations?’ It seems that as long as the Iranians don’t reach across the table and behead the other negotiators, this administration is willing to give them the benefit of the doubt.” [61672, 61697, 61712, 61714, 61717, 61764, 61888]

Officials in Connecticut reject an Obama administration request to house as many as 2,000 illegal immigrant children. [61668]

DailyCaller.com reports, “New data obtained from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security shows unaccompanied child immigrants’ chances of being allowed to stay in the U.S. have reached all-time highs during the Obama administration. This holds true for both unaccompanied children who have attorneys, as well as those who do not, according to a report from Syracuse University’s Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC). For all immigration court rulings involving unaccompanied children through June 30, 66 percent of unaccompanied children have been allowed to stay in the U.S. Twelve percent were ordered removed, while another 22 percent were allowed to voluntarily depart. That is a big change from 2009, when only 45 percent of unaccompanied children with legal representation were allowed to stay in the country after apprehension. Twenty-three percent were ordered removed in 2009, while 32 percent were allowed voluntary departure.” [61671]

The CBS affiliate in New York City reports, “The US Open Tennis Championship appears on a wish list of terror targets in an al Qaeda magazine, an NYPD official said Wednesday. In a briefing for New York City’s private security community, Rebecca Weiner, the NYPD’s director of intelligence analysis, warned that Inspire magazine is instructing would-be terrorists on how to make bombs and where to set them off, WCBS 880’s Marla Diamond reported. The magazine lists targets in Washington, D.C.; Virginia; and New York—including the US Open, which begins Aug. 25 in Flushing Meadows, Queens.” [61677, 61678]

Appearing on *On the Record*, former *New York Times* executive editor Jill Abramson tells Greta Van Susteren, “I’ve never dealt with an administration where more officials, some of whom are actually paid to be the spokesman for various federal agencies, demand that everything be off the record. But the most serious thing is the Obama administration has launched eight criminal leak investigations against sources and whistleblowers, and they’ve tried to sweep in journalists.” (At HotAir.com Noah Rothman observes, “Her indictment is... most damning due to the fact that so many professional journalists have abandoned their profession in order to join this ‘most secretive’ administration. As of September of last year, at least 15 former reporters from influential outlets like ABC, NBC, *Time* magazine, and *The Washington Post* had taken up roles working with or flacking for various federal agencies. If this administration is the most secretive in modern history, it does not have to worry about much oversight from many ideologically simpatico members of the press corps. If the means do not justify the ends, after all, what does?”) [61703]

On July 17 a Malaysian Airlines plane en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur is shot down over Ukraine, supposedly by a surface-to-air missile; all 298 aboard are killed. The Ukraine government blames Russian separatists, while the separatists blame Ukraine. (It is possible that the separatists believed they were shooting down an AN-26 military transport or cargo plane and inadvertently downed the Boeing 777 passenger plane.) According to FoxNews.com reports, “It appeared to be at least the third plane downed in the area since Monday, when a Ukrainian An-26 cargo plane was shot down. Late

Wednesday [July 16], a Ukrainian Su-25 fighter jet crashed, though it could not be confirmed if it was shot down. Just before the Malaysia Airlines plane went down, Russian separatists reportedly boasted of shooting down another Ukrainian cargo aircraft.” [61674, 61676, 61689, 61716, 61722, 61723, 61729, 61739, 61740, 61748, 61752, 61753, 61760, 61765, 61766]

In Delaware, Obama’s motorcade passes a group of about 25 flag-waving veterans—who turn their backs on him as his limousine drives by. While touting infrastructure spending (“Let’s build some bridges, let’s build some roads”), Obama briefly notes the downing of the plane, saying it “looks like it may be a terrible tragedy.” (He does not elaborate on what it would take to change the incident from looking like tragedy to actually being one.) Obama moves immediately from dead Americans to joking about Joe Biden: “It’s great to be in the state that gave us Joe Biden. We’ve got actually some better-looking Bidens with us here today. We’ve got Beau [Biden] and his wife Hallie are here [sic]. Give them a big round of applause. We love them.” At the Charcoal Pit restaurant in Wilmington, Obama tells reporters, “I’m starving,” and orders a cheeseburger and french fries. After lunch he heads to New York City for two fundraisers. [61674, 61676, 61689, 61716, 61722, 61723, 61729, 61739, 61740, 61748, 61752, 61753, 61760, 61765, 61766]

Vice President Joe Biden addresses the annual conference of the far left Netroots Nation (formerly the “Yearly Kos” convention), and is interrupted by protesters yelling, “Stop deporting our families!” Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), a “fellow traveler” who acts very much like she will run for president in 2016, is enthusiastically received by the Netroots attendees—most of whom likely believe Obama did not move the nation far enough toward socialism. The socialist-leaning Warren calls for raising the minimum wage, more business regulations, and college loan bailouts, and says, “We will overturn [the Supreme Court’s] Hobby Lobby [decision] and we will fight for it!” Hillary Clinton does not attend; she was booed by the audience in 2007.) [61802, 61822, 61835, 61838, 61839]

Jihadist members of ISIS/the Islamic State kill as many as 270 Syrians at the Shaar gas field in Homs province. Reuters quotes Rami Abdel Rahman, director of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights: “A large majority of the men killed were executed at gunpoint after being taken prisoner following the takeover of the camp. Eleven of the dead were civilian employees, while the rest were security guards and National Defence Forces members.” [61781]

The House Judiciary Committee hears testimony related to “Operation Choke Point,” in which the Department of Justice has pressured banks to stop serving businesses the Obama administration does not approve of, such as gun shops, fireworks companies, and payday loan companies. William M. Isaac, former chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, says, “Operation Choke Point is one of the most dangerous programs I have experienced in my 45 years of service as a bank regulator, bank attorney and consultant, and bank board member. Operating without legal authority and guided by a political agenda, unelected officials at the DOJ are discouraging banks from providing

basic banking services... to lawful businesses simply because they don't like them.” According to DailyCaller.com, Congressman Robert Goodlatte (R-VA) “revealed that one of the more egregious examples sent in to the committee was a meeting between the DOJ and a bank regarding the continued provision of financial services to a payday loan company. The DOJ official reportedly told the banker, ‘I don't like this product, and I don't believe it should have a place in our financial system. And if you don't agree, there will be an immediate, unplanned audit of your entire bank.’” (The DOJ's threats are unadulterated thuggery. That the Obama administration does not like certain types of businesses—that are legally operating within the law—does not justify its attempts to put them out of business by denying them banking services, or costing banks thousands of dollars in legal fees by harassing them with subpoenas and audits. There are third world countries that would not stoop as low as has Obama's Department of Justice.) [61757]

Radio talk show host Mark Levin says, “This is a very sick man, this Obama. There's something out of kilter. There's a screw loose. Something's not right if you” insist on going to fundraisers in the middle of crises. “You liberal Democrats out there, this is what happens when you take a man who a few years earlier was nothing but a community organizer and a state senate backbencher, and put him into the [White House]. You nominated him! You elected him! You elected him twice! ...The world's paying the price, and so are we! And so are your children and your children's children, and so will every damn generation after this one.” [61758]

Addressing the leftist Center for American Progress' “Make Progress Conference,” Vice President Joe Biden says, “Look folks, this is within our power to change. Everybody says because we tried in '08 and it didn't happen, it's not possible. Wrong. We've gone through these periods before. We've gone through these periods. ...But folks, this is totally within our power. Change. Change for the better is absolutely possible, and I believe it's close to inevitable, if you're the drivers of it.” (How Barack “Hope and Change” Obama will react to Biden saying that he has been a failure remains to be seen.) [61686, 61691, 61694]

According to Americans for Peace and Tolerance (APT), Eric Holder's Department of Justice has honored an al-Qaeda charity fundraiser: “Khalid Qazi... has a long history of Islamic extremist activity including raising money for an Al Qaeda charity. Ilya Feoktistov, APT's Director of Research said New York District Attorney William Hochul gave the Justice Department's highest award for community service to Khalid Qazi on June 5. At the ceremony, Hochul described Qazi as a man who ‘has done so much to break down the barriers between the Muslim community and law enforcement.’ But Feoktistov said, ‘U.S. Attorney William Hochul should be well-aware of Qazi's background since his own Justice Department has investigated and prosecuted several of Qazi's close associates, as well as helped shut down several groups that Qazi had worked with.’ Feoktistov said the APT video shows that Qazi is a founder and Senior Adviser of the Muslim Public Affairs Council of Western New York, a group that Feoktistov says, ‘attempts to portray itself as the ideal partner for law-enforcement agencies, yet whenever these agencies arrest people on terror-related causes, MPAC criticizes the arrests and

accuses these same agencies of Islamophobia.’ Feoktistov said Qazi has raised funds for the Global Relief Foundation, an organization that was shut down shortly after 9/11 for funneling the funds it raised to Al Qaeda’s financial network. Feoktistov said Qazi was also the director of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC), whose president was arrested and charged by Eric Holder’s Department of Justice with acting as a foreign agent. The KAC was identified by the FBI as an American front group for the Pakistani ISI intelligence agency, which is notorious for supporting Al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists operating in Kashmir. ISI has been accused of assisting the terror group Lashkar-e-Taibah in carrying out the 2009 Mumbai attacks.” [61733, 61734]

The White House is temporarily placed on “lockdown” because of an “unattended package” at the north lawn fence. (Obama is campaigning for his agenda in Maryland and is not in the White House.) [61685, 61749]

During a five-hour cease-fire that was agreed to for humanitarian purposes, Hamas launches a mortar attack on Israel—and Israel Defense Forces respond by beginning a ground invasion of Gaza to attack Hamas terrorist strongholds and border tunnels. (The aid was made even more necessary by a Hamas rocket attack that struck an Israeli power facility that provides electricity to Gaza.) Israeli Economy Minister Naftali Bennett says, “We had no choice, the tunnel [attack] this morning was the straw that broke the camel’s back.” Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu states, “Operation Protective Edge will continue until it reaches its goal—restoring quiet to Israel’s citizens for a prolonged period, while inflicting a significant blow to the infrastructures of Hamas and the other terrorist organizations.” Hamas Spokesman Fawzi Barhoum states, “The IDF’s entry into Gaza is a dangerous move, and Israel will be held responsible and will pay dearly. Hamas is ready for a fight with the [Israeli] forces.” (A ground invasion is necessary if Israel wants to destroy a substantial portion of Hamas’ military capabilities. Its tunnels are not just at the border; much of its operations are in subterranean facilities, and can only be found with door-to-door searches.) [61690, 61700, 61704, 61730, 61735, 61738, 61755, 61973, 61974]

In a Twitter message she later deletes, CNN reporter Diana Magnay calls Israelis in Sderot “scum” for cheering defensive attacks on Hamas. (Sderot has been under attack by Hamas for two years. Some might say the city’s residents were more than justified for applauding the long-delayed retaliation.) [61720, 61721, 61771]

Microsoft announces it is cutting 18,000 jobs over the next year. [61698]

Blogger Ace of Spades writes, “Look, I’m just going to say directly what Peggy Noonan sort of implied and what people are kind of worrying about, silently: People are beginning to become alarmed that [Obama] may not be mentally well. This is fucking weird. There are people who don’t give a shit at all about social conventions or expected modes of behavior or conforming to anyone else’s expectations of what one is supposed to do at one’s job during a time of crisis. We call these people crazy. When someone shows up for work wearing nothing but a bathrobe and cowboy hat, we don’t tweet

#TheBearIsLoose; we ask Human Resources to have a check 'round. ... Still... this whole Bear Is Loose tour. That is itself very weird. Even his defenders say things like 'He needs to *recharge*, he needs to draw energy from the Common People.' Which is itself weird, and a sign of fragile personality type." [61742]

WND.com reports on a case of political correctness run amok: "A Lakewood, Colorado, bakery owner has appealed to the Colorado Court of Appeals an order from the state's Civil Rights Commission that he take his employees through a mandatory re-education process because of his religious objections to promoting same-sex marriage, which the state constitution does not recognize. The Alliance Defending Freedom, who represents Masterpiece Cakeshop artist Jack Phillips, says the order by state bureaucrats requires Phillips to 're-educate' his employees so that they 'endorse all views.' Phillips also must file quarterly reports for two years proving that the 're-education' has been implemented. 'Americans should not be forced by the government—or by another citizen—to endorse or promote ideas with which they disagree,' said lead counsel Nicolle Martin, one of more than 2,400 attorneys allied with Alliance Defending Freedom." (Regardless of one's feelings about gay marriage, forcing a company to attend "sensitivity training" against their will is fascism, pure and simple.) [61724]

Asked about the downing of the Malaysian Airlines over Ukraine, Hillary Clinton tells PBS interviewer Charlie Rose, "As you know, the Europeans have tried to figure out the best way forward. From my perspective—and I have the benefit of not being in the government—if there is evidence linking Russia to this, that should inspire the Europeans to do much more. ... So Europeans have to be the ones to take the lead on this. It was a flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur over European territory. There should be outrage in European capitals." (Translation: "Russia can do whatever it wants with Ukraine. It's Europe's problem, not ours—even though Americans were aboard the plane that was shot down." Whether Putin is hoping Clinton will succeed Obama is not certain—but it is no doubt likely.) Rose asks no tough questions—which is not surprising inasmuch as he began the interview by saying, "I consider Hillary Clinton a friend and am proud to have her here, and look forward to a conversation with all of and the best questions that I know how to ask. [sic]" A sample question: "In terms of choices and hard choices, where did you find the strength at these difficult moments in your personal life?" (In other words, "Tell us what makes you so great and why you will be our next president?") [61743, 61759, 61883]

At the very end of the interview, Rose reluctantly says, "If I don't mention this somebody will—a thousand people will write me saying, 'Why didn't you mention Benghazi?' We've got a new investigation coming up. There are two questions about Benghazi. One is the question of whether there was enough security and whether you knew? You've spoken about that. ... You did not know. ... But you've also listened to recommendations made by the first commission and you've said 'we've tried to carry those out.' The other question has to do about talking points and things like that. Which were not necessarily having to do anything with you. Had to do with [Obama] and Susan Rice. Is it gonna be, you believe, an effective campaign item for those who believe, somehow, that [Obama]

was paying more attention to the campaign than to the definition of what was going on in Benghazi?” (Clinton’s evasive non-answers to what are arguably non-questions are not worth repeating.) [61743, 61759, 61883]

While tensions rise in Ukraine and Americans assume the Obama administration is reviewing its options with regard to the downed Malaysian Airlines plane, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki issues a Twitter message—not about the crisis, but about an article discussing the relevance of women’s magazines. [61744, 61745, 61751, 61772]

ABC’s Jonathan Karl says, “The White House seems to have been blindsided by the Israeli invasion [of Gaza]. Just yesterday [Obama] came into the White House briefing room and before the cameras said he was working with other world leaders to get a ceasefire. And just hours... before the invasion, the spokesperson for the State Department expressed optimism that the ceasefire would take hold. Now, of course, you have an escalation, not a ceasefire...” (Obama is likely angry that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu did not give him advance warning of when the invasion would commence. But Netanyahu, having been burned in the past by Obama administration leaks, may have felt that absolute secrecy was the best policy—because it would prevent Obama from telephoning Palestinian Authority head Mahmoud Abbas to give him a “heads up.”) [61746]

On July 18 Reason.com reports, “In a letter to the lieutenant governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Marilyn Tavenner, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, informed him that the Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories [Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and Northern Mariana Islands], would be exempt from the bulk of Obamacare. The announcement comes after years of complaints about the territories, who were being forced to comply with Obamacare while residents were not mandated to enroll and the territories were exempt from receiving federal subsidies.” (Tavenner’s action arguably hurts the federal government’s defense in *Halbig v. Sebelius*, which argues that, based on sloppily drafted language in the Affordable Care Act, taxpayer premium subsidies are available only to ObamaCare customers who enroll via *state* exchanges. The Obama administration argues that the *intent* of the law was to provide subsidies for everyone below certain income levels. But by arguing that the U.S. territories are exempt from much of ObamaCare because they are not states, the administration is making the case that where the enrollee lives is, in fact, important.) [61154, 61309, 61481, 61574, 61741, 61855, 62025]

Robert W. Merry writes in *The Washington Times*, “Hillary Clinton isn’t likely ever to become president of the United States. In fact, there is a greater possibility than is generally recognized by the Washington cognoscenti that she won’t even run. If she does, though, the barriers she faces will prove overwhelming. Her 2008 campaign was her last good shot for the office, and she failed. Since then, numerous developments have conspired steadily to diminish her prospects. Those prospects are now near zero. ...On paper, she looks nearly unbeatable. Presidential elections don’t take place on paper,

though. They take place in the real world, where politics is always about the future. Mrs. Clinton is a product of the past. ...In the campaign year of 2016, the voters, angry and anxious, appear poised to grab power away from the establishment and invest it in candidates of the future. If so, Mrs. Clinton isn't going to be able to withstand these winds of change. Her recent autobiography betrays a politician seemingly devoid of fresh thinking or even a recognition of what kind of political message is required by the temper of our times. In some eras of our political past, this wouldn't have been a handicap. In today's political climate, it is likely to be fatal. ...[I]t is difficult to avoid the conclusion that for 2016, Hillary's handicaps are insurmountable. She is the wrong person in what is likely to be a transitional political year that, in any event, isn't likely to be particularly hospitable to Democratic presidential candidates. That is why there is a greater likelihood than is generally recognized that she will vacate the field before the battle begins." [62114]

Obama calls for an immediate cease-fire in Ukraine and a "credible international investigation" of the downing of the Malaysian Airliner, and says, "The deaths are an outrage of unspeakable proportions. ...Evidence must not be tampered with. Investigators need to access the crash site and the solemn task of returning those who were lost on board the plane to their loved ones needs to go forward immediately. ...The eyes of the world are on eastern Ukraine, and we are going to make sure that the truth is out. ...The Dutch are close friends and stalwart allies and I want the Dutch people to know we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them in their grief." Obama claims only one American was aboard the plane: Quinn Lucas Schansman. [61750, 61754]

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich writes, "When new White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that ...Obama had 'substantially improved the tranquility of the international community' many observers reacted with disbelief. ...What Josh Earnest is channeling is Obama's personal tranquility. From his perch in the amazingly Obama-centric world in which [Obama] lives, look again at what the rest of us think of as serious problems. Have any of the thousand-plus Hamas missiles been aimed at Obama? No. That is why Obama is tranquil. Have any of the thousands who are crossing the border tried to move into the White House? No. That is why Obama is tranquil. Is ISIS an immediate threat to the United States that is likely to blow up the next golf course [Obama] is playing at? No. That is why Obama is tranquil. ...[Obama's] detachment from reality is fast infecting the rest of his party. How else can we explain fellow Democrat and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid stating this week that 'the border is secure'? This 'tranquility' line was a Freudian slip by [Obama's] spokesman that reveals the deep gap between reality and the Obama White House. ...Self-delusion and a rich fantasy life are dangerous... They often lead to disasters that are unimaginable until they happen. That is what we have to worry about for the next two years until [Obama] leaves public office for a private fantasy land." [61791]

In Iraq, most of the last remaining Christians in Mosul flee the city, after jihadists told them they must either convert to Islam, pay monumental taxes to not convert, leave the city, or be killed. Videos show Muslims using sledgehammers to destroy the tomb of

Jonah. They also replace the cross atop St. Ephrem's Cathedral with the ISIS flag, and burn down an 1,800-year-old Assyrian Christian church. (More than 30,000 Christians have been forced to leave their homes and businesses in Mosul over the last 10 years. Obama has no comment.) [61864, 61865, 61968]

At a "Kids' State Dinner" at the White House, Michelle Obama says, "I'm making a vow—I'm going to take a break from french fries." She tells 54 child winners of a healthy recipe contest, "I need you guys to make your voices heard... [F]olks in Congress [are] trying to undo some of the progress that we've made to get healthier food into our schools. ...There's a lot of money involved in feeding our kids at school. We are currently spending \$10 billion a year—did you hear that? \$10 billion a year—on our school lunch programs. So it's not surprising that there are certain interests that are resisting change and trying to take us back to the old ways of doing business, because for them there's a lot of money is on the line. But you all have a right to expect that your hard-earned tax dollars will be spent on food that meets basic nutrition standards. It's as simple as that. ...Because when you are working so hard to prepare nutritious foods at home, I know that you don't want all that work undone when you send your kids off to school and they're eating in the lunchroom. So we can't afford to stay silent on this issue, because if we do we're going to wind up right back where we started. And that's not acceptable." (It apparently does not occur to Michelle Obama that the resistance to her "healthy foods" program may have less to do with corporate interests and more to do with children who hate the taste of the meals she is promoting. It is not "corporate interests" that are telling children to throw away their lunches.) [61851, 62045, 62046]

Obama and his family leave the White House to spend the weekend at Camp David. (NewsBusted's Jodi Miller quips, "That way they can rest up in time for their 16-day vacation in Martha's Vineyard next month.") [61762, 62069]

In an interview with The Washington Post, Democrat political strategist Donna Brazile "plays the race card," saying, "In the aftermath of ...Obama's election, I really thought it was time to write a book on reconciliation. That was 2009, a moment of euphoria. And I must tell you, I have been so disappointed. I mean, I understand the partisanship, because I'm political. But what I don't understand and what I haven't been able to wrap my head around is why all the vitriol? Simply because you want to destroy [Obama], you're destroying the country? So we have not turned that corner. We are not post-racial. And in many ways we don't even know how to have a conversation about being post-racial. Until we get out of that old-school way of thinking about race and opportunity and the ability to transcend some of the past of this country, then we're going to be stuck in the 20th-century conversation about race." (Brazile, like many leftists, is incapable of understanding that many Americans oppose Obama simply because they believe it is he who is destroying the country with his policies. Brazile, a party hack, spent eight years criticizing the Bush administration—and she was not accused of opposing him because he is white and she is black.) [61831, 61832]

U.S. Border Patrol agents are fired on by Mexicans across the Rio Grande near Reynosa, Mexico. Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) tells Fox News, “We don’t have any armor that can stop a .50-caliber round, so our Border Patrol agents had to take cover when the rounds were ricocheting around them. When the shooting stopped, about 40 to 50 people came out on the U.S. side and turned themselves in. So clearly the rounds were being fired to suppress every effort to stop anybody intervening with anyone or anything coming across. We have no idea what or how many or whom came across with the other illegal immigrants.” [61778, 61824]

DailyCaller.com reports, “New data shows the White House has painted a false picture of the Central American migration by hiding a huge spike in ‘family units’ who are illegally crossing the Texas border. The data, which was dumped by the U.S. border patrol late Friday afternoon, shows that inflow of youths and children traveling without parents has doubled since 2013, to 57,525 in the nine months up to July 2014. But the number of migrants who cross the border in so-called ‘family units’ has spiked five-fold to 55,420, according to the border patrol’s data, which came out amid a storm of news about the shoot-down of a Malaysian aircraft in Ukraine, delays in failed U.S. nuke talks with Iran, and on Hamas’ continued war against Israel. In the Rio Grande area where most of the migrants are crossing the border, the number of so-called ‘unaccompanied children’ was actually outnumbered by the inflow by adults, parents and children in ‘family units,’ according to the data. The much-faster growth in ‘family units’ has been hidden by White House and agency officials, who have tried to portray the influx as a wave of children fleeing abuse and violence. ...Most of the unaccompanied youths say they’re aged 14 to 17, and many are seeking jobs. ...White House officials also touted the wave of so-called ‘unaccompanied children,’ and downplayed the ‘family units,’ because they wished to focus the media’s attention on a supposed problem caused by a 2008 law, titled the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act. [61788, 61789]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer comments on Obama’s statement on the airline tragedy: “He looked almost disinterested, detached, practically... half-asleep. There was no passion, there was no interest in this. And I think if you want to explain it rationally, maybe he thinks the U.S. doesn’t have to do anything. ‘This is really bad, it’s going to embarrass the Russians, in the end they’re gonna lose on this.’ ...[Obama] is unwilling to say the truth — which in fact his own U.N. ambassador [Samantha Power] has said. He’s relying on the Europeans. The Europeans will never act. They never act on anything unless they’re led by the U.S. ...Are they even thinking in those terms? No. [Obama] says, ‘The site has to be secured,’ in the same way that he said, ‘[Syrian President] Assad has to go.’ And it has the same weight. Zero.” [61861]

On July 19 Dana Loesch reports that at a border patrol briefing in Texas, she was told, “We’ve always seen... Syrians, Egyptians [crossing the border]; down here they stick out.” [61769]

The Associated Press reports, “Israeli bulldozers on Saturday demolished more than a dozen tunnels the military said were being used by Hamas gunmen to sneak beneath the

southern border of the Jewish state and carry out attacks on its soldiers and civilians. Palestinians reported intensified airstrikes and shelling as the death toll from Israel's ground offensive rose to at least 342 Palestinians, including many civilians. Five Israelis—three soldiers and two civilians—have also been killed since the fighting began more than 10 days ago, and dozens of Israelis have been injured as Gaza rockets continue to rain down on Israeli cities. Israeli soldiers uncovered 34 shafts leading into about a dozen underground tunnels, some as deep as 30 meters (yards) [sic; a meter is not a yard], the military said. Israel views the tunnels as a strategic threat, and demolishing them is a high priority in their campaign. Still, Palestinian gunmen disguised in Israeli uniforms managed to infiltrate Israel from Gaza using another tunnel and on Saturday killed two Israeli soldiers and injured several others, the military said. At least one Palestinian was killed in the clash.” [61777]

Turkey's Prime Minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, accuses Israel of “barbarism that surpasses Hitler.” (Obama has considered the vile, Jew-hating Erdogan his closest friend among foreign leaders. But on July 22 AFP reports that Erdogan “has stopped talking to ... Obama on the phone, amid growing strains between Ankara and Washington over Syria and the Gaza conflict. Turkey, a fierce opponent of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and an open supporter of armed rebel fighters, felt betrayed when the United States backed away from military action against Damascus in September. ...Erdogan accused Israel of carrying out ‘state terrorism’ and a ‘genocide’ of Palestinians and criticised the United States for defending Israel’s ‘disproportionate’ tactics.” Although Obama is no friend of Israel, his limited show of public support for the Jewish state—even if done only for political purposes—is apparently enough to annoy Erdogan.) [61809, 61810, 61916]

Mark Lynch, director of the Institute for Middle East Studies at George Washington University, tweets, “It must be so awkward having to check whether the dead child is from Gaza or Syria before deciding whether to be morally outraged.” (A few hundred civilians in Gaza have died in the Israeli operation to destroy Hamas' terror tunnels and rocket launch installations. More than 100,000 people have died in the fighting in Syria. While people in the United States and around the world are eager to condemn Israeli, few are protesting the actions of the Syrian government or the radical jihadists who seek to overthrow it.) [62284, 62285]

On July 20 former *Time* magazine editor Rick Stengel, the Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, tweets, “[It is] Critical for a full, credible and unimpeded intl investigation of [Malaysian Airlines] crash. Russia [needs] to honor it's commitment. #UnitedForGaza” Stengel's inclusion of an anti-Israel, pro-Palestinian hashtag prompts immediate criticism. He childishly responds, “Earlier tweet with wrong hashtag was a mistake. My bad.—“ (He does not explain why he even knew there was a pro-jihadist hashtag.) [61783, 61784, 61792]

Obama telephones Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to express “serious concern” about the casualties in Gaza. (Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich tweets,

“Why didn’t Obama have ‘serious concerns’ over the first thousand missiles Hamas fired at Israel—”) The odds are close to zero that Israel will quickly end its ground operation against Hamas in Gaza simply because of Obama requests or threats. First, Israel has good reason not to trust Hamas to honor a ceasefire agreement and not use it to re-arm its front-line terrorists. Second, the destruction of a few Hamas terror tunnels and rocket launchers is not Israel’s goal. It is not willing to risk lives on a minor attack that will only lead to retaliatory rockets launched by Hamas a few weeks later. Israel’s goal is to *seriously* degrade Hamas’ ability to attack the Jewish state. That Obama does not understand that is not something Israel can readily change. [61785, 61800, 61828]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) appears on Fox News Sunday, where he criticizes Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) over the border crisis issue: “Well, you know, ...Obama and Harry Reid both engage in debates divorced from the facts and divorced from the reality. Harry Reid lives in the Ritz-Carlton [Hotel] in Washington, D.C., and I’m sure from his perspective, the border seems secure. I would invite Harry Reid to come with me down to Texas and see the border. On the border, we are seeing the opposite of following the law. The border is not secured; 90,000 children are expected to come into this country illegally this year and Harry Reid says the border is secure? I’ll tell you who’s holding these kids ransom is Harry Reid and [Obama], because their view is, ‘Don’t do anything to fix the problem.’ He mentions comprehensive immigration reform. The [Senate’s] Gang of Eight bill is one of the causes of this problem because what the kids are saying is they’re coming because they believe they’ll get amnesty; part of the Gang of Eight bill was promising them amnesty.” [61797]

Also on *Fox News Sunday*, Secretary of State John Kerry is caught talking to an aide before his interview, unaware he is being recorded. Kerry—who also appears on ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN—says, “It’s a hell of a pinpoint operation. It’s a hell of a pinpoint operation. ... We’ve got to get over there... I think, John, we ought to go tonight. I think it’s crazy to be sitting around.” (That is, Kerry is critical of Israel’s Gaza operation because of the amount of collateral damage. In fact, if Israel were not so careful with its targeting, far more Gazans would be killed. For someone who served in Vietnam, Kerry is incredibly naive about war.) Program host Chris Wallace plays the clip live, and asks Kerry, “Are you upset that the Israelis are going too far? And, in fact, do you intend to go back to the Middle East tonight, sir?” Kerry responds, “I think it’s very, very difficult in these situations, obviously very difficult Chris. You have people who’ve come out of tunnels, you have a right to go in and take out those tunnels, we completely support that, and we support Israel’s right to defend itself against rockets that are, uh, you know, continuing to come in. Hamas, uh, has started this process of rocketing after Israel was trying to find the people who killed three young, uh, Pales—uh, uh, uh, you know, and one American kid, uh, three young Israeli citizens, it’s, it’s disgraceful. And so, yeah, it’s tough, it’s tough to have this kind of operation, and I reacted obviously, you know, anybody does, with respect to, uh, you know, young children and civilians, but war is tough, and I said that publicly, and I’ll say it again. We defend Israel’s right to do what it is doing in order to get at those tunnels. Israel has accepted a unilateral ceasefire, it’s accepted the, uh, Egyptian plan, which we also support, and it is important for Hamas to now step up and be reasonable and understand that you accept the ceasefire, you save

lives, and that's the way we can proceed to have a discussion about all of the underlying issues, which ...Obama has clearly indicated a willingness to do." (Whether Kerry's declaration that "war is tough" will be news enough to "stop the presses" is not clear.) [61786, 61787, 61794, 61795, 61803, 61814, 61827, 61830, 61837, 61844, 61846]

Meanwhile, 65 Palestinians and 13 Israeli soldiers are killed in a major ground battle in Gaza. [61793]

Kerry also appears on *Meet the Press*, where he says, "The fact is that in every fundamental issue of conflict today, the United States is in the center, leading, and trying to find an effort to make peace where peace is very difficult. The American people ought to be proud in terms of what [Obama] has done in terms of peaceful diplomatic engagement, rather than quick trigger, deploying troops, starting or engaging in a war of choice." Kerry is followed on the program by Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC). Graham says, "As to Secretary Kerry, he gave the most ridiculous and delusional summary of American foreign policy that you could imagine. It scares me that he believes the world is in such good shape. ...America is the glue that holds the free world together. Leading from behind is not working. The world is adrift. And ...Obama has become the king of indecision. His policies are failing across the globe. ...Obama is trying to be deliberative. It comes off as indecisive. He's trying to be thoughtful. It comes off as weakness. ...There's a battle of wills between the KGB colonel [Vladimir Putin] and the community organizer [Obama], and the colonel is winning." [61796, 61833, 61849]

On *State of the Union*, CNN's Candy Crowley outrageously asks Kerry if the Obama administration is "comfortable" with Israeli actions so far and the civilian deaths resulting from the ground offensive in Gaza. Kerry replies that "no country, no human being is *comfortable* with children being killed. ...The fact is that Hamas uses civilians as shields, and they fire from a home, and draw the fire into the home, precisely to elicit the kind of question you just asked." [61836]

Muslims riot in the Paris suburb of Sarcelles. According to the Associated Press, the pro-Palestinians "clashed with police Sunday, setting fire to cars, pillaging stores and attacking two synagogues in Paris suburbs. Police, backed by a helicopter overhead, responded with tear gas and shots from non-lethal guns during hours of unrest in the northern suburb of Sarcelles, home to a large Jewish community. ...France has Western Europe's largest Muslim and Jewish populations, and crises in the Middle East, like the one triggered by the Gaza offensive, often spill into France." (Obama has no comment.) [61863]

WorldTribune.com reports, "Islamists linked to Turkey's ruling party have attacked the Israeli consulate in Istanbul in protest of the war in the Gaza Strip. Others have threatened the estimated 15,000 Turkish Jews in the mass media. 'Turkish Jews will pay dearly,' Bulent Yildirim, a prominent Islamist close to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said." (*The Jerusalem Post* quotes one jihadist fighter in Syria: "Turkey paved the way for us. Had Turkey not shown such understanding for us, the Islamic State would

not be in its current place. It [Turkey] showed us affection. Large number[s] of our mujahedeen received medical treatment in Turkey. We do not have the support of Saudi Arabia, but many Saudi families who believe in jihad do assist us. But anyhow, we will no longer need it, soon. We will build the Islamic state in the territories from Tigris to Jordan and Palestine and to Lebanon. Sunni Law will rule.” [61969, 61970, 62251]

Newsmax.com notes that the U.S. tax code exceeds 70,000 pages. (If one were to read 10 pages each day, it would take more than 19 years to reach the end. By that point, of course, thousands more pages would have been added.) According to the Tax Foundation, Americans spend 7 billion hours and \$165 billion each year completing IRS paperwork. [61791]

Former Secret Service agent Dan Bongino, a Republican candidate for Congress in Maryland, tells WND.com, “[Obama] has abdicated his duty to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, especially where illegal immigration is concerned. [The border is] the most unsecure situation you could possibly imagine. We’re not escorting these people out, we’re escorting them into the country. ...It’s the equivalent of escorting someone in without a ticket, around the metal detector, bringing them into the event, and sitting them in a room next to the president and saying, ‘Sit here for a few hours, we’ll get to you when we can.’ ...We are now in an executive aristocracy. It’s not just [Obama], it’s his anointed aristocrats, whether it’s Eric Holder or Lisa Jackson at EPA, or Lois Lerner. The rules don’t apply to them.” Bongino admits, “The political argument’s not there [for impeachment]. Impeachment is an indictment, but you haven’t won the trial yet. To indict someone via impeachment knowing you’re going to lose a trial in the Senate is a fool’s errand.” [61798]

Sarah Palin responds to Attorney General Eric Holder’s criticism of her for calling for Obama’s impeachment, telling attendees at the Western Conservative Summit in Denver, “I don’t need lectures from Eric Holder, a guy—get this—a guy so incompetent that he denied voter fraud existed even after someone claimed that they were Eric Holder and they got his ballot and they voted in D.C.” [61799, 61829]

According to FoxNews.com, “The Obama administration ignored a report to the Department of Homeland Security last year which predicted that a large number of unaccompanied children would arrive at America’s southern border in the coming months, according to a published report. The Washington Post reported Saturday that a team of experts from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) submitted the 41-page report in August of 2013 after discovering a makeshift transportation depot manned by Border Patrol agents at the Fort Brown station in Brownsville, Texas. The report detailed how thirty agents were assigned to perform such tasks as washing the children’s clothes, driving them to offsite showers, and making them sandwiches. The report said that an average of 66 children were taken into custody each day and more than 24,000 cycled through patrol stations in Texas alone in 2013. The study’s leader, a former Border Patrol agent named Victor Manjarrez Jr., told the Post that the government had little reaction to the report’s warning and viewed the situation as a ‘local problem.’ ...[O]ne former senior

federal law enforcement official told the Post that Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement had warned the White House of the potential for a significant surge of migrant children at the border as early as 2012.” In April 2012, Texas Governor Rick Perry “wrote a letter informing the president that the number of unaccompanied Central American minors crossing the border was up 90 percent from the previous year. ‘Every day of delay risks more lives,’ Perry’s letter read, in part. ‘Every child allowed to remain encourages hundreds more to attempt the journey.’” [61820, 61821]

On July 21 former Congressman Ron Paul writes at LewRockwell.com, “Just days after the tragic crash of a Malaysian Airlines flight over eastern Ukraine, Western politicians and media joined together to gain the maximum propaganda value from the disaster. It had to be Russia; it had to be Putin, they said. ...Obama held a press conference to claim—even before an investigation—that it was pro-Russian rebels in the region who were responsible. His ambassador to the UN, Samantha Power, did the same at the UN Security Council—just one day after the crash! While western media outlets rush to repeat government propaganda on the event, there are a few things they will not report. They will not report that the crisis in Ukraine started late last year, when EU and US-supported protesters plotted the overthrow of the elected Ukrainian president, Viktor Yanukovich. Without US-sponsored ‘regime change,’ it is unlikely that hundreds would have been killed in the unrest that followed. Nor would the Malaysian Airlines crash have happened. The media has reported that the plane must have been shot down by Russian forces or Russian-backed separatists, because the missile that reportedly brought down the plane was Russian made. But they will not report that the Ukrainian government also uses the exact same Russian-made weapons. ...They will not report that neither Russia nor the separatists in eastern Ukraine have anything to gain but everything to lose by shooting down a passenger liner full of civilians. They will not report that the Ukrainian government has much to gain by pinning the attack on Russia, and that the Ukrainian prime minister has already expressed his pleasure that Russia is being blamed for the attack. They will not report that the missile that apparently shot down the plane was from a sophisticated surface-to-air missile system that requires a good deal of training that the separatists do not have. ...They will not report how similar this is to last summer’s US claim that the Assad government in Syria had used poison gas against civilians in Ghouta. ...Of course it is entirely possible that the Obama administration and the US media has it right this time, and Russia or the separatists in eastern Ukraine either purposely or inadvertently shot down this aircraft. The real point is, it’s very difficult to get accurate information so everybody engages in propaganda. At this point it would be unwise to say the Russians did it, the Ukrainian government did it, or the rebels did it. Is it so hard to simply demand a real investigation?” [61811, 61812, 61813]

Some speculate that Ukraine shot down the plane, believing it was the presidential aircraft returning Vladimir to Russia after a visit to Brazil. Paul Craig Roberts writes, also at LewRockwell.com, “Washington’s propaganda machine is in such high gear that we are in danger of losing the facts that we do have. One fact is that the separatists do not have the expensive Buk anti-aircraft missile system or the trained personnel to operate it. Another fact is that the separatists have no incentive to shoot down an airliner and neither

does Russia. Anyone can tell the difference between low-flying attack aircraft and an airliner at 33,000 feet. The Ukrainians do have Buk anti-aircraft missile systems, and a Buk battery was operational in the region and deployed at a site from which it could have fired a missile at the airliner. Just as the separatists and the Russian government have no incentive to shoot down an airliner, neither does the Ukrainian government nor, one would think, even the crazed extreme Ukrainian nationalists who have formed militias to take the fight against the separatists that the Ukrainian army is not keen to undertake—unless there was a plan to frame Russia. ...The Interfax news agency citing anonymous sources, apparently air traffic controllers, reported that the Malaysian airliner and Putin's airliner were traveling almost the identical route within a few minutes of one another. Interfax quotes its source: 'I can say that Putin's plane and the Malaysian Boeing intersected at the same point and the same echelon. That was close to Warsaw on 330-m echelon at the height of 10,100 meters. The presidential jet was there at 16:21 Moscow time and the Malaysian aircraft at 15:44 Moscow time. The contours of the aircrafts are similar, linear dimensions are also very similar, as for the coloring, at a quite remote distance they are almost identical.'" [61812, 61813, 61960]

"...The second explanation," continued Roberts, "is that the extremists who operate outside the official Ukrainian military, hatched a plot to down an airliner in order to cast the blame on Russia. If such a plot occurred, it likely originated with the CIA or some operative arm of Washington and was intended to force the EU to cease resisting Washington's sanctions against Russia and to break off Europe's valuable economic relationships with Russia. Washington is frustrated that its sanctions are unilateral, unsupported by its NATO puppets or any other countries in the world except possibly the lap-dog British PM. There is considerable circumstantial evidence in support of this second explanation. There is the youtube video which purports to be a conversation between a Russian general and separatists who are discussing having mistakenly brought down a civilian airliner. According to reports, expert examination of the code in the video reveal that it was made *the day before the airliner was hit*. ...The evidence that Putin did it is a video made prior to the attack on the airliner. The entire BBC report aired over National Public Radio was orchestrated for the sole purpose of establishing prior to any evidence that Russia was responsible. Indeed the entire Western media spoke as one: Russia did it. And the presstitutes are still speaking the same way." [61812, 61813, 61960, 62085]

Crises notwithstanding, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters Obama will leave for his three-day, six-fundraiser trip to Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles on July 22. "If there were a requirement," says Earnest, "for [Obama] to change his schedule so that he can attend to this urgent priority [the Malaysian Airline flight 17 disaster] and fulfill his responsibilities as commander-in-chief, we would not have hesitated to make that change." Jennifer Palmieri, White House communications director, states, "It is rarely a good idea to return to the White House just for show, when the situation can be handled responsibly from the road. Abrupt changes to his schedule can have the unintended consequence of unduly alarming the American people or creating a false sense of crisis." From Palmieri's perspective, the American people are too stupid to understand the nature of a crisis and need to be coddled and insulated from reality.

(When, on September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush finished a brief visit with school children before announcing that the nation had been attacked by terrorists, Democrats were apoplectic that he did not immediately stop what he was doing. Obama is, however, given a pass—because golf and fundraising takes precedence over border security, a ground invasion of Gaza, and the death of 298 people from a downed jetliner.) [61815, 61816, 61825, 61834, 61860, 61922]

Obama demands “immediate and full access” to the Malaysian Airline crash site. “The Russian-backed separatists who control the area,” says Obama, “continue to block the investigation. They’ve repeatedly blocked international investigators for getting full access to the wreckage. As investigators approached, they fired their weapons into the air. These separatists are removing evidence from the crash site. All of which begs the question, what exactly are they trying to hide?” (Obama does not suggest what destroying an IRS hard drive was meant to hide.) “More broadly, as I’ve said through this crisis and the crisis in Ukraine directly—and I’ve said this to President Putin and publicly—I want to find a diplomatic solution to the crisis in Ukraine. Now is the time for President Putin and Russia to pivot away from the strategy they’ve been taken and get serious. The world deserves to know exactly what happened.” [61848, 61856]

Obama also calls on Israel to stop its ground incursion into Gaza: “It now has to be our focus and the focus of the international community to bring about a ceasefire that ends the fighting. ... We don’t want to see any more civilians getting killed.” (Obama is apparently only concerned with Gazan casualties. The point of Israel’s operation is to destroy enough of Hamas’ war machine to protect Israeli civilians. If there is a cease-fire, Hamas will only use the time to bring in more weapons, ammunition, and rockets for its next round of attacks on Israel. Israel has reached the “enough is enough” stage—a stage which Obama, clouded by his hatred of Israel, either fails to recognize or is unwilling to accept.) [61859]

Wayne Allyn Root writes at Townhall.com, “The illegal immigrant situation at our southern border is more than just a national crisis. It’s part of the greatest conspiracy in world history—a purposeful attempt to create catastrophe, overwhelm the system, and force the American people to make a dreadfully wrong decision under duress. Obama wants our good-hearted Christian nation to see women, children, and families begging for help, begging to live the ‘American Dream.’ He wants immigrants to be in the worst possible shape after a long journey from Central America—starving, injured, diseased—in such terrible shape our hearts break and we agree to take them all in. He is purposely creating a crisis, hoping to force us to overreact by agreeing not only to help these new arrivals, but by giving amnesty for twelve million other illegals already here. ... [L]et’s demand they go to school at elite private schools, starting with Sidwell Friends School, where Sasha and Malia attend class. Let’s see how Michelle reacts when her precious daughters come home with lice, or cough with TB, or party with tattooed gangbangers from El Salvador.” [61823]

Texas Governor Rick Perry announces that he is calling up as many as one thousand National Guard troops to combat human smuggling and drug trafficking in the Rio Grande Valley. The governor's office notes, "Since 2008, more than 203,000 criminal aliens have been booked into Texas county jails. Over the course of their criminal careers, these individuals have committed more than 640,000 crimes in the state of Texas alone, including more than 3,000 homicides and nearly 8,000 sexual assaults." Perry tells reporters, "There can be no national security without border security, and Texans have paid too high a price for the federal government's failure to secure our border. The action I am ordering today will tackle this crisis head-on by multiplying our efforts to combat the cartel activity, human traffickers and individual criminals who threaten the safety of people across Texas and America. It's been approximately a month since I visited a federal detention facility in McAllen and saw first hand the human tragedy unfolding on our southern border. The plight of these unaccompanied alien children has rightfully captured national attention as we learn details of their harrowing journeys. Equally as concerning however is the fact that unaccompanied children only make up 20 percent of those apprehended crossing the border illegally. As the brave men and women of the Border Patrol are pulled away from their law enforcement duties to give humanitarian aide, drug cartels, human traffickers, individual criminals are exploiting this tragedy for their own criminal opportunities." (Although National Guard troops cannot legally enforce federal immigration laws, they can perform some of what would normally be civilian law enforcement activities.) [61841, 61847, 61852, 61854, 61871, 61872, 61873, 61876, 61882, 62131]

Politico's Roger Simon sends a despicable Twitter message: "Rick Perry sending 1,000 National Guard troops to border to shoot small children. Could make good headlines—in Russia." [61874, 61875, 61896]

With Obama's approval ratings continuing to plummet, *The Washington Post's* Chris Cillizza comes up with the best—albeit not original—excuse for failure: "the most powerful job in the world" is one "at which you will almost certainly fail." [61901, 61902]

WesternJournalism.com's Kris Zane posts a video charging that close Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett was "behind the botched plan to kidnap [U.S. ambassador] Chris[topher] Stevens." According to the video, Jarrett "has secretly met with... Iran operatives multiple times in secret locations in Bahrain, Qatar, and Dubai, with the full knowledge of Barack Hussein Obama. ...[A]ccording to the [Kenneth R. Timmerman] book *Dark Forces*, the Iranians were behind the attack on the Benghazi consulate on September 11, 2012, possibly with Valerie Jarrett pulling the strings." In *Dark Forces* Timmerman writes that Iranian official Ali Akbar Velayati "told Valerie Jarrett there were elements inside Iran (such as the Quds Force) who were 'out of control' and were planning to kidnap an American diplomat to show their displeasure with U.S. sanctions on Iran. Some claim that Jarrett then proposed that they transform the kidnapping into a hostage exchange, with the United States freeing the Blind Sheikh [Omar Abdel Rahman, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing] in exchange for the kidnapped U.S. ambassador. That would make Obama look like a diplomatic genius [right before the

November 2012 election].” (*Timeline* readers are well aware of speculation that the murder of Stevens was actually a botch kidnapping attempt. If it can be proven that Jarrett concocted the scheme and Obama knowingly covered it up with the phony YouTube video story, both Jarrett and Obama should not only be forcibly be removed from the White House, they should be tried for conspiracy and treason.) [62083, 62084]

CNSNews.com notes, “As hundreds of thousands of people held pro-Palestinian rallies in cities around the world over the weekend, the death toll in Syria continued to mount, with relatively little attention. As of late Sunday, 436 Palestinians were reported to have been killed during a 12-day Israeli offensive against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Eighteen Israeli soldiers and two civilians were reported to have been killed over the same period. Last Thursday and Friday alone, more than 700 people were killed in Syria, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a U.K.-based group that monitors fatalities on all sides of the Syrian conflict, which began three years and four months ago.” [61850]

In a Politico poll, Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings are 43/57 percent. The Republicans hold a two-point lead on a generic Congressional ballot and a seven-point lead in foreign policy; 45 percent want to repeal ObamaCare, and 38 percent want it changed. Even worse for Democrats, primary voting is down almost 20 percent from 2010, the last mid-term election year, but GOP primary turnout exceeded Democrat primary turnout. Hillary Clinton appears not to be exciting too many voters, with only 14 percent raking her job as Secretary of State excellent; 28 percent good; 21 percent fair; and 32 percent poor. [61857, 61858, 61870]

Despite years of Hamas’ rocket attacks on Israel, the Obama administration is sending \$47 million in *unconditional* “humanitarian aid” to the Palestinians. (The administration does not explain how it can prevent the cash from being used to build more terror tunnels or buy weapons and ammunition for Hamas, rather than food for Gazans. A substantial amount of U.S. aid to the Palestinians is routinely skimmed off the top. The late Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, for example, stole much of the aid that was supposed to go to Palestinians. Arafat’s widow, Suha, is alleged to have inherited as much as two billion British pounds—about \$2.8 billion U.S.—which Arafat had hidden in accounts in many countries. Suha Arafat now lives in Paris, far from any poor Gazans, and receives an annual payment of 12 million pounds—about \$17 million in U.S. dollars—from the Palestinian Authority.) [1367, 1383, 11904, 11905, 11906, 11933, 61914, 61915, 62375]

Obama cancels a July 23 appearance on Jimmy Kimmel’s television program. (Obama will, however, attend a Los Angeles fundraiser. The Kimmel cancellation clearly shows that the White House is concerned about the “optics” of the many “non-work” activities on Obama’s schedule—but not so concerned that they have been able to persuade him to cancel a few fundraisers. Obama is not worried about leading the nation for two more years; he is worried about losing the Senate in November.) 61884, 61885, 61934]

On July 22 Obama meets with astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Mike Collins to mark the 45th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. For some unknown reason, no reporters or television cameras are allowed. ABC's Jonathan Karl asks White House press secretary John Earnest, "Couldn't [Obama] have been maybe five minutes later for the fundraiser out in Seattle? He really couldn't accommodate a few minutes for open coverage of this?" Earnest replies, "Not this time, Jon." Karl: "I find that explanation, frankly, a little hard to believe given that this is such a small amount of time. Is it because some of those Apollo astronauts, including Neil Armstrong, was [sic; were] very critical of [Obama] for the way he has handled the space program... ? Is that why [Obama] did not want to see television cameras in this photo op?" Earnest: "Absolutely not. [Obama] invited the crew members of Apollo 11 to the White House to honor their contribution to space exploration and innovation in the field of science." [61866, 61869, 61934, 61935, 61943]

Asked about Obama's incessant campaigning and fundraising in lieu of working, Earnest says, "He's got his own airplane. He's got dedicated phone lines, he has senior advisors who will be accompanying him every step of the way." (Obama does not "have his own plane." He has the temporary use of the American taxpayers' plane.) [61955]

Obama will award movie producer Jeffrey Katzenberg with the 2013 National Medal of Arts on July 28. (Some might call it the "Raised More Money for Obama Campaigns Than Anyone Else Award.") [61867, 61868]

Obama will meet with the presidents of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras on July 25—probably to ask for U.S. taxpayer dollars in exchange for slowing down the pace of illegal immigrants flowing from their countries into the United States through Mexico. [61893]

In *Halbig v. Sebelius*, the D.C. Circuit Court rules 2–1 against the Obama administration, saying that ObamaCare subsidies are not provided for under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) unless the individual or family enrolls via a state exchange. (The way the law was worded, subsidies are not available for enrollments in states that did not establish ObamaCare exchanges.) The Court states, "the ACA unambiguously restricts... subsidy to insurance purchased on Exchanges 'established by the State,'" and "This limited role [of the courts] serves democratic interests by ensuring that policy is made by elected, politically accountable representatives, not by appointed, life-tenured judges." Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson writes, "Democrats in Congress passed a law that explicitly limited Obamacare subsidy eligibility to consumers who purchased plans on *state*-level exchanges. They did so in order to coerce and bribe states into setting up their own marketplaces under the law. [But the ObamaCare architects never considered that a majority of states would *not* establish exchanges.] Given the controversial law's unpopularity, a majority of states declined to establish exchanges, forcing the federal government to create the infamous federal version—with Healthcare.gov as its centerpiece. ... This decision, at least for now, plunges Obamacare into chaos—and furious Democrats have no one to blame but themselves. When you ram through a lengthy, hastily slapped-together, unpopular law without reading it, unintended

consequences sometimes arise. And this one's a biggie." Benson notes that in April 2010 the Congressional Research Service pointed out that the subsidies would not apply in states without their own exchanges. (The decision will, of course, be appealed and eventually make its way to the Supreme Court. In the meantime, the Obama administration will continue to cut checks to the insurance companies, giving them billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded subsidies.) [61877, 61878, 61889, 61890, 61892, 61894, 61899, 61900, 61904, 61929]

While the D.C. Circuit Court rules against Obama in *Halbig v. Sebelius*, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia rules 3–0 in a similar case that because the language of the Affordable Care Act is ambiguous the federal subsidies should stand. (The language is certainly *not* ambiguous. The Affordable Care Act states that subsidies are available for those who enroll in insurance plans through exchanges “*established by the state*.” If one believes that the language was intended to encourage the states to establish exchanges, the D.C. Court’s ruling is correct. If one believes the language is ambiguous, then the Court has no choice but to interpret the language *literally*—the Court cannot second guess the legislators—and the D.C. Court’s ruling remains correct. Of course, if the Supreme Court does rule that Obama has the power to declare that “established by the state” can also mean “established by the federal government” if he so chooses, then the next Republican president would arguably have the Constitutional power to change it back. That is, if the language of a law is subject to the whim of the temporary occupant of the Oval Office, then a future occupant is also free to govern based on his whims.) [61154, 61309, 61481, 61574, 61878, 61879, 61880, 61889, 61890, 61892, 61903]

It is worth noting that in *Utility Air Regulatory Group v. Environmental Protection Agency, et al*, the Supreme Court noted, “The power of executing the laws necessarily includes both authority and responsibility to resolve some questions left open by Congress that arise during the law’s administration. But it does not include a power to revise clear statutory terms that turn out not to work in practice.” (In other words, the Court cannot rescue Congress from perhaps well-intended but nevertheless faulty legislation. It is not the Court’s fault that the ACA called for taxpayer subsidies only for those who enrolled in ObamaCare “exchanges established by the state.” It is not the Court’s fault that the legislation’s “carrot and stick” incentives failed. If Congress intended otherwise, it must pass new legislation. (Of course, House Republicans have no intention of bailing out the administration and the Democrats. If the Supreme Court eventually rules against the administration, ObamaCare essentially falls apart because residents in 36 states will lose their taxpayer insurance premium subsidies.) [61891]

At CNBC.com Dan Mangan writes, “If upheld, the ruling could lead many, if not most of those subsidized customers to abandon their health plans sold on HealthCare.gov because they no longer would find them affordable without the often-lucrative tax credits. And if that coverage then is not affordable for them as defined by the Obamacare law, those people will no longer be bound by the law’s mandate to have health insurance by this year or pay a fine next year. If there were to be a large exodus of subsidized customers from the HealthCare.gov plans, it would in turn likely lead to much higher premium rates for non-subsidized people who would remain in those plans.” (Mangan’s statement is, of

course, an admission that ObamaCare is a failure. The Affordable Care Act did nothing to make health insurance more “affordable.” It merely shifted the burden of the cost of insurance from some Americans to other Americans. If Congress passed legislation calling for some taxpayers to subsidize the cost of new cars bought by others, those who are being subsidized would most certainly find it easier to shop for a new vehicle.) [61897]

PJMedia.com reports, “On Tuesday, Republicans released preliminary results of a Government Accountability Office (GAO) undercover examination of enrollment in the Obamacare exchanges. Using fake information during an undercover ‘secret shopper’ investigation, the GAO created 18 fictitious identities through the federal exchange by telephone, online, and in-person. In 17 of 18 attempts the GAO was able to obtain premium subsidies and health insurance with fake information through telephone and online applications. According to the report, 11 out of 12 fake applications for the federal exchanges were approved, with credits totaling \$2500 per month (\$30,000 per year). During the investigation, fake shoppers provided fake documents, such as Social Security numbers and proof of income and citizenship. They found that ‘Federal contractors made no effort to authenticate documents applicants provided’ and the fake ID and income information proved to be no impediment to enrollment. According to the report, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is not required to authenticate documentation. ‘The contractor told us it does not seek to detect fraud and accepts documents as authentic unless there are obvious alterations,’ the GAO said. ...[House] Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) said, ‘We are seeing a trend with ObamaCare information systems: under every rock, there is incompetence, waste, and the potential for fraud.’ Camp said, ‘Now, we learn that in many cases, the exchange is unable to screen out fake identities or documents.’ Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) said, ‘Fictitious people have used fictitious documents to gain tens of thousands of dollars in real subsidies. Yet, before subsidies were paid in January, the former secretary [of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius] ‘certified’ the proper controls were in place to prevent these kinds of improper payments.’ Coburn added that such incompetence and gross mismanagement is unacceptable and deeply troubling. ‘At a time when we’re facing a \$17 trillion debt, it is imperative that [HHS] take the necessary steps to address the problems identified in GAO’s report.’ According to GAO, over 2.6 million application inconsistencies have been found for people who have signed up for health plans in the exchange.” [61944, 61947, 62024]

Townhall.com’s Guy Benson notes, “Prior to last year’s government shutdown, House Republicans passed a series of Obamacare-related bills over the adamant objections of most Democrats. One bill, called the ‘No Subsidies Without Verification Act,’ sailed through the House 235–191, with every single ‘no’ vote being furnished by Democrats. Only five members of ...Obama’s party backed this common-sense measure—which, needless to say, died in Harry Reid’s Senate.” The White House said it would veto the legislation if passed. ...House Democrats were irresponsible to vote against the ‘No Subsidies Without Verification’ Act. Senate Democrats were derelict in obstructing its passage by refusing to bring it to a vote. The White House was wrong to shrug the proposal off as ‘unnecessary.’ ...Obama was myopic and foolish to threaten a veto. And

Kathleen Sebelius was negligent in rubber-stamping a system that clearly was not up to the task. Taxpayers have every reason to worry how their hard-earned money is being dispensed through Obamacare, and genuine program enrollees—who've turned over a great deal of sensitive information—have every reason to wonder what other Healthcare.gov safeguards are woefully inadequate.” [62024]

TheHill.com reports, “The White House is developing a workaround to let religious nonprofits opt out of ObamaCare’s contraception mandate without filing a form they say violates their religious beliefs, according to a senior administration official. Religious nonprofits that do not want to provide free contraception to their workers can now opt out by submitting a Form 700 stating their religious objection to contraception. Insurance companies can then use the form to provide free contraception to workers and get tax credits from the government in return. However, some religious organizations have objected to filling out the form because they argue it amounts to participation in providing birth control. On Tuesday, a senior administration official said they are working on an alternative option for religious nonprofits that do not want to fill out the document and will issue a federal regulation in the next month.” (At HotAir.com Noah Rothman writes, “After that ol’ college try, it seems the White House may be giving up on the fight over the contraception mandate entirely. ...In the wake of Tuesday’s decision in *Halbig*, the war to keep Obamacare intact is becoming a multi-front conflict. Politics is, as they say, the art of the possible and compromise is probably a welcome short-term solution to this issue until the broader problem of the Affordable Care Act’s legitimacy can be finally determined at the ballot box. This will not satisfy Democrats who were spoiling for a fight and abhor compromise over an issue so central to the War on Women.”) [61939, 61940]

Gun manufacturer Baretta U.S.A. announces it is moving its production facilities from Maryland to Tennessee—as a result of Maryland’s anti-gun laws. Tennessee will gain about 300 jobs. [61930]

Congresswoman Michele Bachman (R-MN) and seven co-sponsors introduce the Muslim Brotherhood Terrorist Designation Act of 2014, which imposes sanctions on person who provide material support to the Muslim Brotherhood or its affiliates. (Obama will likely press the Senate to go nowhere near the issue so he will not be faced with a the dilemma of signing the legislation and upsetting his favorite Islamist group, or vetoing it and leaving millions of Americans to ask why he did so.) [62032, 62033, 62054]

Secretary of State John Kerry arrives in Cairo, Egypt to encourage a cease fire between Israel and Hamas. David Tafuri, a former U.S. State Department and U.N. official, observes, “It is going to be very difficult to get a cease-fire right now, you see the objectives of both sides have changed a little bit over the last few days. Hamas is now using tunnels to make ground attacks in Israel—clearly they feel like they haven’t done enough damage with the rockets. Israel is now focused on destroying those tunnels. Israel says it needs more time to get all of the tunnels.” As a condition to a cease fire, Hamas demands the return of some terrorists detained by Israel and an opening of the Gaza-Israel border. (Kerry and his aides are subjected to a metal detector review before being

allowed to meet with President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi. Jonathan Schanzer, vice president for research at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, tells TheBlaze.com, “This was a not-so-subtle message delivered by the el-Sissi regime that the ties between the United States and Egypt have cooled considerably.” [61886, 61887, 61948, 61950]

The Federal Aviation Administration orders airlines to halt flights to Tel Aviv, Israel after a Hamas rocket strikes an area about one mile from Ben Gurion Airport. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri states, “The success of Hamas in closing Israeli airspace is a great victory for the resistance, and is the crown of Israel’s failure.” At WND.com Aaron Klein writes, “Officials in Jerusalem are quietly wondering whether the Federal Aviation Administration’s prohibition on U.S. flights to Tel Aviv is partially a tactic to pressure Israel into a cease-fire. The FAA’s decision will likely impact the Israeli economy.”) The FAA does not explain why it still permits flights to Ukraine—where a jetliner was shot down. Nor does the FAA explain why Obama does not order a ban on flights to Russia. (To disrupt its economy Obama bans flights to Israel, a strong and close ally of the United States, yet his sanctions against Russia have been minimal and laughable.) [61895, 61905, 61921, 61928, 61966, 62063]

The 28 foreign ministers of the European Union issue a joint statement condemning Hamas for its indiscriminate rocket attacks on Israel and calling for an immediate cease fire. The statement also notes, “While recognizing Israel’s legitimate right to defend itself against any attacks, the EU underlines that the Israeli military operation must be proportionate and in line with international humanitarian law.” [61911, 61912]

Daily Beast columnist Sally Kohn tweets, “How can [the] same people who believe Hamas violence justifies Israeli violence then disagree [with those who believe] that Israeli violence justifies Hamas violence?” (Kohn is presenting a typical “moral equivalency” argument, that removes motive and morality from actions. From Kohn’s perspective—and that of many other leftists—there is no difference between an act of unprovoked aggression and an act of self-defense. To Kohn, a rocket fired by Hamas into Israel to intentionally kill innocent people is no less moral than actions by Israel to eliminate the Hamas rockets and those who launch them. If Kohn were attacked by a rapist, some may wonder if she would refuse to resist—because that would “lower her to his violent level.” Kohn and other leftists complain that Israel’s response is not “proportional” because more Hamas terrorists are being killed in the ground action than Israeli soldiers. Exactly what they expect Israel to do about that is not clear. If Israeli forces kill 10 terrorists while losing only one of their own, are they supposed to turn over nine Jews for Hamas to kill in order to “even things out?” If the Japanese killed 2,403 Americans at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, was the United States supposed to retaliate but then stop fighting after exactly 2,403 Japanese were killed? Arguably, Israel has been overwhelmingly cautious in its ground invasion into Gaza to destroy its terrorist tunnels and significantly degrade the military capabilities of Hamas. Israel has shown remarkable restraint—and could kill every terrorist in Gaza if it chose to do so. Radio talk show host Mark Levin observes, “If Hamas had the weaponry that Israel had, Israel would cease to exist.”) [61942, 61945]

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (which Pamela Geller calls the United Nations Rocket Warehousing Agency) announces it has discovered Hamas rockets in another of its schools in Gaza—the third such discovery—and states, “UNRWA strongly and unequivocally condemns the group or groups responsible for this flagrant violation of the inviolability of its premises under international law. The Agency immediately informed the relevant parties and is pursuing all possible measures for the removal of the objects in order to preserve the safety and security of the school. UNRWA will launch a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident.” Israel Foreign Ministry spokesperson Yigal Palmor states, “How many more schools will have to be abused by Hamas missile squads before the international community will intervene? How many times can it turn its head the other way and pretend that it just doesn’t see?” In addition, Breitbart.com reports, “This week, UNRWA supplies and building materials had been found in Hamas’s tunnel infrastructure, which has been used to smuggle weapons and carry out attacks on the State of Israel.” *Algemeiner.com* notes that in 2004 “UNRWA’s former Commissioner General Peter Hansen openly admitted... to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation... ‘I am sure that there are Hamas members on the UNRWA payroll... and I don’t see that as a crime.’ [61932, 61933, 62218, 62219, 62220, 62249]

Various news outlets report that Obama has purchased a 6,100 square foot mansion on 3.29 acres in the Thunderbird Heights neighborhood of Palm Springs, California for \$4.25 million. The house has four bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, a four-car garage, swimming pool, elevator, gym, tanning room and spa. (The property also has a 2,000 square foot guest house with four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a waterfall, and a lagoon.) According to *LATimes.com*, “The White House said rumors regarding a home in Rancho Mirage are not true. But area real estate agents, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Obamas are the buyers of the Rancho Mirage home. Listing agents Marc Lange and Carl Blea of *HOM Sotheby’s International* declined to comment.”) The property address is 70555 Thunderbird Mesa, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270. [61908, 61909, 61910]

FoxNews.com reports, “House investigators said Tuesday that the computer hard drive of ex-agency official Lois Lerner... was only ‘scratched,’ not irreparably damaged, as Americans have been led to believe. GOP-led Ways and Means Committee investigators, in their quest to recover missing Lerner emails, learned her hard drive was damaged but recoverable by talking to IRS information-technology experts, after the government originally refused to make them available, according to the committee. ‘It is unbelievable that we cannot get a simple, straight answer from the IRS about this hard drive,’ said committee Chairman Dave Camp. The Michigan Republican said the new information also raises more questions about potential criminal wrongdoing at the IRS because the committee was told no data was recoverable and the physical hard drive was recycled and potentially shredded. In addition, learning that the hard drive was only scratched also raises questions about why the IRS refused to use outside experts to recover the data. ‘In fact, in-house professionals at the IRS recommended the agency seek outside assistance in recovering the data,’ the committee said Tuesday in a release. House investigators said they also are trying to determine whether the scratch was accidental or deliberate. ‘If the IRS would just come clean and tell Congress and the American people what really

happened, we could put an end to this,' Camp said. 'Our investigators will not stop until we find the full truth.'" (In reality, it is extremely difficult to "scratch" a hard drive. The spinning disk is inside a sturdy metal case, and the case itself is inside a PC. Lois Lerner could not have "scratched" her hard drive, even if she slammed her chair into her PC, and the odds that she removed the hard drive from the PC and threw it against a wall are slim.) [61906, 61936, 62144]

At TheWeek.com Matt K. Lewis writes that "[t]he biggest lesson Obama failed to learn from Bush" is that "[w]hen crisis strikes, you've got to at least *look* like you give a damn. ...Obama and his team were long lauded by the media and politicians alike for their 'no drama, Obama' insouciance. The shtick is brilliant. By acting as if nothing is ever a big deal, they signal to the media and the public that there is nothing to see here. That works until it doesn't. There's plenty to see here. And instead of looking above the fray, Obama now looks like he's just apathetically unaware that there even is a fray." [61913]

According to TruthRevolt.org, anti-Obama posters "went up Monday night all over Hollywood around [Shonda] Rhimes's Hancock Park home and the Sunset Gower Studios where *Scandal* is filmed. [Rhimes is hosting an Obama fundraiser later in the week.] The posters feature a modified version of the *Scandal* logo, which now reads 'Scandals' and a quote from Rhimes's infamous commencement speech at Dartmouth where she urged graduates, 'Don't be an asshole.' The artist added a hashtag to the epithet ['Don't Be An #Asshole'] in a seeming nod to another part of Rhimes's speech in which the producer called out online social movements like Michelle Obama's #SaveOurGirls as being faux-activism. 'A hashtag is not a movement,' Rhimes declared." Other posters show Obama wearing "a fedora, smoking a cigarette and winking. The text reads, 'Leading from behind, fundraising in your face.'" Still others show Obama holding a map of Silicon Valley and his quote, "You didn't build that!" "In addition to the posters, a mocking faux-invitation was mailed to all of the Los Altos Hills neighbors of the fundraiser's host, restaurateur and real estate broker George Marcus, inviting them to 'A Feast in Time of Plague.'" [61898, 61976, 61977, 63098]

Obama attends a fundraiser at the Medina, Washington home of former Costco CEO Jim Sinegal, where he says, "People are anxious. Now, some of that has to do with some big challenges overseas. I am very proud that we have ended one war, and by the end of this year we will have ended both wars that I inherited ...But whether people see what's happening in Ukraine, and Russia's aggression towards its neighbors in the manner in which it's financing and arming separatists; to what's happened in Syria ...to the failure in Iraq for Sunni and Shia and Kurd to compromise ...to what's happening in Israel and Gaza. ...Part of people's concern is just the sense that around the world the old order isn't holding and we're not quite yet to where we need to be in terms of a new order that's based on a different set of principles, that's based on a sense of common humanity, that's based on economies that work for all people. [In other words, "We want a 'new world order' of global socialism.] ...But here in the United States, what people are also concerned about is the fact that although the economy has done well in the aggregate, for the average person it feels as if incomes, wages just haven't gone up; that people, no matter how hard they work, they feel stuck." Obama says he does not watch news

programs because, “Whatever they’re reporting about, usually I know.” (This would be the same Obama who has repeatedly claimed he learned about scandals within his administration by watching the news.) Obama also insists, “I’m not overly partisan”—and then heads to San Francisco for another fundraiser. (According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, “Some donors said tickets had been offered for a deep discount. . . . Democratic donors who were invited to the San Francisco event, at the Four Seasons Hotel on Market Street, said they had initially been asked to donate as much as \$25,000 to sit down with Obama. One who balked at the price said organizers had offered a cut-rate deal of as little as \$5,000.”) [61907, 61922, 62005, 62006, 62012, 62013, 62023, 62026, 62027, 62050]

Earlier in the week, the city manager of Medina, Mike Sauerwein, tells reporters the cost for the added security for Obama’s visit will not be borne by his town’s taxpayers. Instead, reports KVI.com, the bill will be sent to millionaire fundraiser host Sinegal. Sauerwein says, “We love welcoming people to what we think is one of the most attractive communities in Puget Sound. We just don’t feel that we should be passing the costs of the events to our citizens.” (Having donated at least \$200,000 to Obama’s campaign and political action committees, Sinegal can probably afford to cover the cost of police department overtime.) [62015, 62016]

On *Hardball*, MSNBC’s Chris Matthews asks MIT economist Jonathan Gruber, one of the chief architects of the Affordable Care Act, “Was this a typo? Saying that only if you had a state exchange could you get [an ObamaCare] subsidy and therefore [the state] would be required to participate, or was it some significant policy decision not to include states that didn’t have exchanges?” Gruber responds, “Chris, it is unambiguous, this is a typo. Literally every single person involved in the crafting of this law has said that it’s a typo, that they had no intention of excluding” those who enrolled in the federal exchange, rather than state exchanges. . . . It’s just simply a typo and it’s really criminal that this [legal dispute] has even made it as far as it has.” Gruber conveniently forgets that on January 19, 2012 he told the Noblis Innovation and Collaboration Center, “I think what’s important to remember politically about this is, if you’re a state and you don’t set up an exchange, that means your citizens don’t get their tax credits [ObamaCare subsidies]. But your citizens still pay the taxes that support this bill. So you’re essentially saying to your citizens, ‘You’re gonna [sic] pay all the taxes to help all the other states in the country.’” [61979, 61980, 61981, 61982, 61983, 61984, 61985, 61987, 61990, 61999, 62041, 62072, 62073, 62229, 62269, 62349]

In other words, Gruber is shamelessly lying to Matthews in order to defend ObamaCare. It is clear that the wording in the legislation was not a typo. The Affordable Care Act states that subsidies are available for those who enroll in insurance plans through exchanges “established by the state.” That language was intended to force all 50 states to establish ObamaCare exchanges, in the belief that none of them would pass up the offer of “free money” from the federal government—even though the money would most certainly not be “free.” When the Supreme Court eventually hears *Halbig v. Sebelius*, Obama critics will hope that the Justices will be informed of Gruber’s lie. Gruber’s 2012 statement was not an example of “misspeak.” He made the same argument in several public addresses. On January 10, 2012 Gruber said, “Will people understand that, ‘Gee, if

your governor doesn't set up an exchange, you're losing hundreds of millions of dollars of tax credits to be delivered to your citizens?' So that's the other threat, is, 'Will states do what they need to, to set it up? [sic]'" At Twitter.com, 'dbetzel' tweets, "Yeah, it's pretty sad when your whole defense is 'That's not what I meant.'" [61979, 61980, 61981, 61982, 61983, 61984, 61985, 61987, 61990, 61999, 62041, 62072, 62229, 62269, 62349]

Gruber—who once bragged to *The New York Times*, "I know more about this law than any other economist"—later tells *The New Republic*, "I was speaking off-the-cuff. It was just a mistake. People make mistakes. Congress made a mistake drafting the law and I made a mistake talking about it. But there was never any intention to literally withhold money, to withhold tax credits, from the states that didn't take that step. That's clear in the intent of the law and if you talk to anybody who worked on the law. My subsequent statement was just a speak-o—you know, like a typo." (Not surprisingly, the Twitter universe quickly explodes with ridicule of Gruber and his "speak-o" excuse.) [61987, 61988, 61989, 61990, 61999, 62041, 62229, 62269, 62349]

On July 23 Pamela Geller posts video showing the use of United Nations vehicles by Hamas in Gaza as a cover for its activities. [61917, 61918]

FAA flight restrictions notwithstanding, Secretary of State John Kerry arrives in Jerusalem, where he is greeted not too warmly by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. [61923, 61924, 61941]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) slams the FAA's prohibition of flights to Israel and Obama's granting of aid to Gaza: "When Secretary Kerry arrived in Cairo this week his first act was to announce \$47 million in additional aid to Gaza, which is in effect \$47 million for Hamas. In short order, this travel ban was announced by the FAA. Aiding Hamas while simultaneously isolating Israel does two things. One, it helps our enemy. Two, it hurts our ally." Among the questions Cruz asks: "Was this decision a political decision driven by the White House? If the FAA's decision was based on airline safety, why was Israel singled out, when flights would be permitted into Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Yemen? What was the FAA's 'safety' analysis that led to prohibiting flights to Israel, while still permitting flights to Ukraine—where a commercial airline flight was just shot down with a BUK missile? What specific communications occurred between the FAA and the White House? And the State Department? Why were any such communications necessary, if this was purely about airline safety? Was this a safety issue, or was it using a federal regulatory agency to punish Israel to try to force them to comply with Secretary Kerry's demand that Israel stop their military effort to take out Hamas's rocket capacity? ...Until these serious questions are answered, the facts suggest that ...Obama has just used a federal regulatory agency to launch an economic boycott on Israel, in order to try to force our ally to comply with his foreign-policy demands. If so, Congress should demand answers." [62034, 62043, 62180]

State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf responds to Cruz's statement: "It's ridiculous and offensive, quite frankly. The FAA takes its responsibility very seriously. I will speak for them in that case. They make these decisions based solely on the security and safety

of American citizens. For anyone to suggest otherwise is just ridiculous.” Cruz fires back: “The only thing ‘offensive’ about this situation is how the Obama Administration is spurning our allies to embolden our enemies; the only thing ‘ridiculous’ is the administration’s response to basic questions. Until the State Department answers my questions, I will hold all State Department nominees.” (Forty-three ambassador positions are affected by his hold.) [62044]

The United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) votes 29-to-1 to approve a Palestinian-drafted resolution to establish an inquiry into Israel’s offensive against Hamas in Gaza, suggesting it has committed war crimes and violated international law. (It takes no such action with regard to Hamas. CNSNews.com reports, “Nowhere does the text name Hamas or identify the perpetrators of the ‘rocket fire [into Israel].’ The draft also refers several times to the ‘occupied Gaza Strip,’ even though Israel’s occupation of the territory ended nine years ago.” (The United Nations has become notoriously anti-Israel over the years, and Israel can count on condemnation almost without regard to what it does.) Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu responds, “The decision today by the HRC is a travesty and should be rejected by decent people everywhere. Rather than investigate Hamas, which is committing a double war crime by firing rockets at Israeli civilians while hiding behind Palestinian civilians, the HRC calls for an investigation of Israel, which has gone to unprecedented lengths to keep Palestinian civilians out of harm’s way, including by dropping leaflets, making phone calls and sending text messages.” Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni states, “I have [four] words to say about the decision of the UN human rights council—see if I care! We will keep on making decisions for the safety of Israeli citizens according to our moral compass, the IDF will fight the terror and keep on doing the most to avoid harming innocents, and you [the HRC] will keep on encouraging the terror—because that is exactly what your decision is doing.” (It is worth noting that Livni is hardly one to push for a fight when negotiations may be possible. For her to blast the Human Rights Council’s resolution is significant. Israel’s political left has apparently had all it can take of Obama and the United Nations.) [61946, 61991, 61992]

At TheBlaze.com Billy Hallowell reports on a new book by Phyllis Schlafly and George Neumayr, *No Higher Power, Obama’s War on Religious Freedom*. Hallowell reports that the book “exposes never-before-seen documents that purportedly show that the Catholic Church supported, and gave monies to, Barack Obama in the 1980s to attend a community organizing training with the Saul Alinsky-founded Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF). Additionally, in ‘No Higher Power,’ the authors highlight other problematic funding and allegiances between the Church and ultra-liberal causes. It’s no secret that the left has learned the ropes of using faith and religion for political gain. ...Considering Obama’s ongoing stalemate with Catholic leaders, though, there are some past connections that are worth noting. TheBlaze secured an exclusive excerpt from Chapter 6 of the book, where the aforementioned documents seem to show that the Catholic Church funded Obama’s IAF trip. On the surface, this may seem benign, but connecting the dots showcases what the authors contend is further evidence of leftist infiltration into the Church. ...The infamous, ultra-left group was founded back in 1940 by Alinsky, the father of community organizing. As we’ve reported, IAF, which is still

very active today, is known for using religion as an adhesive force to bring individuals together in support of Democratic principles and candidates.” [62360]

The book states, “In the 1980s, the Catholic archdiocese of Chicago contributed to the training of Obama in the very Alinskyite radicalism that would culminate in such anti-religious measures as the HHS [ObamaCare contraceptive] mandate. In fact, in the course of writing this book, we met a source who once had access to copies of documents from the archives of the Chicago archdiocese. This source supplied us with never-before-published copies of invoices, checks, and letters that confirm the Church’s support for the man who would one day seek to destroy its religious freedom. In a series of appendices, we have reproduced the check and invoice showing that the archdiocese of Chicago paid for Obama’s plane trip to a conference in Los Angeles run by the Industrial Areas Foundation, the community organizing group founded by Alinsky.” [62360]

Hallowell continues, “While some may dismiss this as an odd or one-time affair, it seems Alinsky had extensive ties to the Church [specifically the Catholic Campaign for Human Development], as he attempted to use religion—much like the left is today—to harness the political power of a mass group of people tied together by common belief. ... This isn’t the first time CCHD has been exposed as a leftist arm of the Church. And a travel reimbursement is far from the only example of Catholic monies going toward far leftist causes [such as ACORN]. ... Considering the Catholic Church’s ongoing issues with the Obama administration, these ties are fascinating. Furthermore, the ongoing accusations being thrown at nuns by the bishops are also noteworthy. While there is a fear that leftist views have been too fervently embraced by the sisters, it seems there may also be a need to look further into other facets of the Church (at least the CCHD) as well.” [62360]

It is worth noting that Saul Alinsky dedicated his book, *Rules for Radical*, to Lucifer. That the CCHD found it reasonable to pay for a trip so that Obama could follow in Alinsky’s footsteps is worth further investigation. Conservative firebrand Ann Barnhardt late notes that the late Joseph Bernardin was Chicago’s Cardinal when the CCHD paid for Obama’s trip to the IAF conference. According to Barnhardt, Bernardin wanted to become a doctor. He was also a homosexual, and was recruited by Catholic Marxists with promises of “power and as much deviant sex as he could ever want if he would enter seminary and be ordained a Catholic priest. Bernardin was then speedily elevated up the ranks, being installed a bishop at the remarkably young age of 37. Shockingly, he was made the General Secretary of the Conference of Catholic Bishops (U.S.) in 1968 after being a bishop for only two years, and being only 40 years old. ... Bernardin’s satanic means of coercing Catholics to vote for his Marxist-Communist masters and allies was called the ‘**Seamless Garment**’ argument. He told people that it was their duty to vote for pro-abortion politicians (read Democrats) because the **fact that they wanted to give free s*** to people canceled out the fact that they also wanted to kill babies**. Because, you know, we have to view life as one big seamless garment, and take the good with the bad, or something. If the image of the serpent beguiling Eve in the Garden hasn’t popped into your mind yet, now it has.” [62361]

Barnhardt continues, “Since Bernardin was in charge of who got elevated and thus had control over the seminaries, orthodox, heterosexual Catholic men were either rejected or harassed/threatened into leaving. Bernardin would frequently make ‘visits’ to seminaries all over the U.S. Whenever he would appear, he would ALWAYS have a young male with him, whom everyone knew was his concubine. Bernardin would then cruise the seminarians for sex, and got quite a bit, since the majority of seminarians were homosexual per his policy. Bernardin was made the Archbishop of Chicago in 1982. In 1986, Bernardin sent Barack Obama to California to attend a training seminar on Alinsky theory, tactics, and ‘community organizing,’ which we all know now is Marxist infiltration and agitation of the proletariat with the objective of crushing the middle class, collapsing the economy and government, and thus enabling a Marxist-Communist-Fascist hybrid revolution, the goal of which is the total destruction of the Church and global totalitarian tyrannical oligarchy. ...Most people look at the Church today and see either Marxist-homosexualists or COWARDS who refuse to acknowledge what has happened or take any proactive steps to fight the evil inside the Church.” [62361]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Speaking at an informal press gaggle on Air Force One on Wednesday, White House deputy press secretary Eric Schultz indicated that the White House was uninterested in brokering a deal with Republicans over the immigration crisis. ...The White House requested \$3.7 billion in emergency funds earlier this July to help overwhelmed departments manage the surge of migrants, and to fund programs in the home countries of immigrants that are designed to lower migration levels. The GOP-controlled House Appropriations Committee has yet to grant the request, much to the consternation of the White House. ‘As I have said many times,’ wrote [House Speaker] Boehner [to Obama], ‘the American people will not support providing additional money unless you work with both parties to address the causes of this tragedy.’” (Boehner appears willing to give Obama \$1.5 billion of the \$3.7 billion he has demanded, but conservatives in the House are unwilling to go even that far. Congressman John Fleming (R-LA) comments, “This is a problem created by the DACA [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals] law. [Obama] did it by himself. It’s a huge PR disaster for him—and he can fix it by simply reversing what he did and by telling people that he is not going to give them amnesty. ...If we did not do more than just get plane tickets and make sure that these people were put on a plane and sent back home, that wouldn’t even cost more than \$25 million at most. While we can always use more money for border security, [Obama] doesn’t allow the border to be secure. I’m very skeptical that any of the money would be spent on any improvement in border security in long run, when you have [someone in the White House] who absolutely ignores the law to make the border secure in the first place. ...Once we send [the Senate] something, they can send something back over that we would be forced to vote on. If we didn’t pass it, we would look like we didn’t have a heart for children. If it gets passed, it’s going to open a big gap in amnesty for these illegals. The Republicans will end up having to deal with the problem. It’ll be our problem, even though it was created by [Obama].” [62004, 62007]

Two Ukrainian fighter planes are shot down over rebel-backed territory in eastern Ukraine. [61937, 61938]

IRS commissioner John Koskinen is grilled by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee over Lois Lerner's missing or deleted emails, and is eviscerated by Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC). (While being questioned by a sympathetic Democrat on the committee, Koskinen whines that employee morale at the IRS is low because of all the criticism directed at the agency. Gowdy is not sympathetic.) [61925, 61927, 62008]

Koskinen states that "backup tapes" that may contain some of Lois Lerner's emails have been found and are being reviewed. (The IRS had previously claimed the tapes "no longer exist and have been recycled." It is almost a certainty that if anything is "found" by the IRS, the information will not be released until after the November mid-term elections.) [61951, 61952]

At a different hearing, Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) tells Koskinen, "You guys [at the IRS] were never going to tell us until we caught you. ...Regarding the morale issue, if the IRS would have been willing to let [IRS Deputy Associate Chief Counsel] Kane come and be interviewed, we wouldn't have had to issue the subpoena. One thing that impacts morale is when you get a subpoena. I get that, but that's your cause. You caused the subpoena, Mr. Koskinen. We didn't. We tried for weeks to get Mr. Kane to come and be interviewed, and you guys said, 'No, can't do it.' So, we had to issue the subpoena, and we got all kinds of information that contradicts testimony you've given in front of Congress. So that's the issue. ...We're talking about morale. You could have helped morale of the very employees you represent if you'd let him be interviewed by us without a subpoena." [62012, 62061]

The Associated Press creates an uproar when it tweets, "BREAKING: Dutch military plane carrying bodies from Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 crash lands in Eindhoven." (The plane transporting the bodies did not crash.) [61926]

Angering Los Angeles area commuters with road closures and traffic tie-ups, Obama attends a fundraiser at the Beverly Hills home of *Scandal* producer Shonda Rhimes, and another for the Democrat Congressional Campaign Committee at the Los Altos home of real estate developer George Marcus. (The \$10,000 per person or \$32,400 per couple donations might lead some to wonder why some couples would not arrive separately.) Obama also visits the Los Angeles Trade Technical College—in an "official" stop that shifts much of the cost of the California trip to the taxpayers. (TheBlaze.com reports, "Witnesses say a pregnant woman in labor was prevented by authorities from crossing a Los Angeles street to a hospital Wednesday because the road had been closed for ...Obama's impending motorcade. The unidentified woman was barred from walking the few hundred feet to the hospital for at least 30 minutes as authorities waited for the ...motorcade to pass by... The Secret Service told KNBC-TV that the incident is under investigation by the LAPD.") [61922, 61956, 62014, 62049, 62098]

At the Marcus fundraiser, Obama says, "I've got so many friends, so many people who have supported me for so long. As I look back, I realize how many of you have pictures of me with no gray hair. You're chronicling the slow deterioration of Barack Obama." He calls House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) "somebody who combines grace and

intelligence and toughness with deep and abiding compassion,” and says, “[E]verybody here to have as great a sense of urgency about these midterms as you had about my election in 2008, or my election in 2012. ... need help. And that help comes in the form of having Nancy Pelosi as Speaker [of the House].” To no one’s surprise, Obama slams Republicans with typical straw man arguments, saying, “we have one party that has no agenda other than making government not work; whose primary function, primary purpose right now, if you distill their ideology, comes down to saying no to any efforts to help ordinary families get ahead. Some of it is ideologically-driven. Some of it is driven by pure political calculation, because what they know is if government is not working, people get cynical; and if people get cynical they do not vote; and if people do not vote that advantages them [sic].” [62002]

Vice President Joe Biden claims, “Businesses are hiring at historic rates, with 52 consecutive months of net private sector job growth.” (Breitbart.com notes a New York Times report that “part-time jobs accounted for two-thirds of all new jobs in June,” and adds, “What’s more, economist Ben Casselman of Nate Silver’s FiveThirtyEight states, ‘For the 49th time in 50 months, more jobseekers gave up looking than found work.’”) [61949]

According to the *Dallas Morning News*, 18 of the illegal immigrant children whose cases were set to be heard didn’t show up for their initial deportation hearings on July 22. [61953, 61954]

According to a Fox News poll, “A 58-percent majority says the White House has not been competent at managing the federal government. Some 32 percent of Democrats join 67 percent of independents and 84 percent of Republicans in holding that view.” [61957, 61958]

The Securities and Exchange Commission votes 3–2 to impose new money market fund rules. According to ThinkAdvisor.com, “a floating net asset value (NAV) will be required for institutional prime money market funds, which allows the daily share prices of these funds to fluctuate along with changes in the market-based value of fund assets.” Perhaps more importantly, “Money market fund boards will now have the ability to impose liquidity fees and redemption gates during periods of stress. ... To impose a ‘gate’ under the new rules, a money market fund’s board could in its discretion temporarily suspend redemptions if the money fund’s level of weekly liquid assets falls below 30%.” At ZeroHedge.com Tyler Durden writes, “[T]he very presence of the ‘gate’ effect will be enough to send money market investors rushing out (as they are all sophisticated enough to know that this fake, rigged market is a house of cards just waiting to come down) and into other asset classes. Of course, it is the desire of the SEC, the Fed and the US Treasury that the one asset class picked as an alternative to money markets is equities: considering that the entire rally since 2009 has been on the back of the Fed and the primary dealers, with virtually none retail participation, the SEC decided it was about time to herd the ‘retail investor’ out of the ZIRP [zero interest rate policy] ‘**danger**’ of money markets and into the ‘**safety**’ of an all time higher stock market where even [Federal Reserve Board Chairman] Janet Yellen admits there is at least a biotech and a

social media stock bubble. ...Clearly, everyone understands that the only purpose behind implementing 'gates' is to redirect the herd. And with some \$2.6 trillion in assets, money markets can serve as a convenient source of 'forced buying' now that QE [the Federal Reserves' Qualitative Easing program] is tapering if only for the time being. The only question is whether the herd will agree to this latest massive behavioral experiment by the Fed, and allocate their funds to a stock market which is now trading at a higher P/E multiple than during the last market peak." (Essentially, the government does not want people placing their cash in money market funds. It wants them to instead speculate in the stock market, hoping that will somehow jumpstart the economy.) [61961, 61962, 61963]

Brett McGurk, a deputy assistant secretary of State, tells the House Foreign Affairs Committee that ISIS "is al Qaeda in its doctrine, ambition and, increasingly, in its threat to U.S. interests. In fact, it is worse than al Qaeda." The group is "no longer a terrorist organization. It is a full-blown army." TheHill.com notes, "Elissa Slotkin, acting principal deputy undersecretary of Defense for policy, added that the group has threatened: 'We're coming for you, Barack Obama.'" Former Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge tells TheHill.com the ISIS threat has been "blinking red a long time. Now it's flashing more frequently and is a lot brighter. They've got a lot of fighters who are from European countries that are visa waiver countries, which means all they have to do is shave their beards and look like normal, responsible civilians and walk into the United States of America without a visa. It's a real challenge for our intelligence community to identify them and get their names on a watch list." Congressman Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) states, "What it seems like is the administration is just paralyzed. They just don't know what to do. I'm renewing the call to the administration for massive manned military air strikes to push back this very, very bad cancer that's encroaching on the Middle East." [61964]

Muslims in Paris continue to riot. Pamela Geller writes, "In what increasingly looks like a Middle East hellhole, young rock-throwing Muslims in Paris chant, 'Let's go to the Jewish neighborhood.' 'Tous au quartier juif!' Unfortunately, they did go to the Jewish neighborhood and they vandalized and attacked a number of Jewish stores along the way. What difference is there between these Muslims and their Nazi predecessors? Jews need an immediate evacuation from France. Would Obama lift the air ban for them? ...The madness is spreading—even the Nazis weren't this overt, and look what they accomplished. These savages have big plans for everyone. Not just the Jews. Don't kid yourself. The French authorities banned these riots. You see how much respect the Muslims have for Western law. Today there is another pro-Hamas protest in Paris; the Jewish community has asked the Jews to stay indoors, and the JDL is patrolling synagogues to protect them. The media is not reporting on these riots, and not showing the images. They are covering for this Jew-hatred. They are complicit." (Over a 10-day period, more than one thousand French Jews emigrate to Israel. Veronique Rivka Buzaglo tells HuffingtonPost.com, "I came because of anti-Semitism. You see it in the eyes of people. I see it in everything.") [61965, 61967, 61993, 61994]

Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) uncover another tunnel shaft in Gaza that JPost.com reports leads "to an underground passage that contained IDF uniforms, maps, and weapons."

After issuing repeated warnings to the facility's manager, the Israelis also fire on Al-Wafa Hospital, from which Hamas had been firing automatic weapons and anti-tank missiles. The Israeli army states, "The hospital was used for activating war rooms and command and control centers by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. ...Firing on our soldiers has grown in recent hours and endangered forces. As a result, the IDF has decided to strike terrorists operating in the hospital complex." (The IDF ensured that the hospital was not occupied before firing on it. Secondary explosions suggest Hamas was storing ammunition in the hospital.) [61971, 61972, 62028]

Meriam Ibrahim, who was sentenced to death for being a Christian, is allowed to leave Sudan and flies to Rome, Italy—where she meets with Pope Francis. (Ibrahim's husband has U.S. citizenship, and she will eventually go to the United States.) The Obama administration issues a lengthy statement applauding the release—but somehow manages to omit any reference to Ibrahim's Christianity. [62011, 62020, 62059]

Late in the day the Federal Aviation Administration lifts its prohibition of U.S. airline flights to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport. [62009, 62010, 62019]

On July 24 *The New York Times* reports on Obama's latest "plan" to deal with illegal immigration from Honduras: "If approved, the plan would direct the government to screen thousands of children and youths in Honduras to see if they can enter the United States as refugees or on emergency humanitarian grounds. It would be the first American refugee effort in a nation reachable by land to the United States, the White House said, putting the violence in Honduras on the level of humanitarian emergencies in Haiti and Vietnam, where such programs have been conducted in the past amid war and major crises." (In other words, instead of thousands of Hondurans paying "coyotes" to travel through Mexico and illegally cross the border, they would simply apply for a U.S. visa in Honduras—which the Obama administration would eagerly grant. The "illegals" could then instantly become "legal" travelers, entering the United States via bus or plane. Essentially, Obama would grant a form of "amnesty" before the Hondurans even enter the United States. The plan is tantamount to "eliminating" the problem of home break-ins by giving burglars keys to everyone's houses.) [61997, 62052]

Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) responds to Obama's scheme: "Know that we are facing an exceedingly grave threat of an unbelievable expansion of [Obama's] unilateral executive orders of amnesty that go beyond anything we've ever seen in this country and threatens the very constitutional framework of our republic and the very ability of this nation to even have borders." Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) states, "The current situation in the Rio Grande Valley is a humanitarian crisis of this Administration's making. ...Obama set the stage for this crisis by refusing to live up to his most basic responsibility to secure our border, imposing huge human and financial costs on border communities and on immigrants who come here illegally. He has also sent a message to the world that the United States is not serious about enforcing its immigration laws by lawlessly granting amnesty through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. To solve this problem, we must put a stop to ...Obama's amnesty and give governors all options possible to mitigate this crisis in light of the federal government's inaction." [61998]

Retired Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz observes, “Seven hundred people were killed [in Syria] in two days last week—there wasn’t a word about it in the media. But a few dozen Palestinians were killed and the body count was prominent. And I think it is racism—implicit racism on the part of the media. And that is, when an Arab and Muslim kills another Arab and Muslim, it is not news. But when an Israeli Jew in self defense kills an Arab Muslim, that becomes front-page news.” [62003]

According to WND.com, Hamas terrorists killed at least 25 civilians in Gaza “it suspected of collaborating with Israel. ...The so-called collaborators were accused of leading Israeli troops to smuggling tunnels and providing intelligence on Hamas’ infrastructure inside Gazan cities. The sources said Hamas publicly blamed the killings of the Palestinian suspects on Israel, claiming the civilians were murdered Sunday during an Israel Defense Forces ‘massacre’ in the Shujaiyeh neighborhood of the Gaza Strip. The sources further said the civilian suspects murdered by Hamas were publicly celebrated by Hamas as martyrs killed by the Jewish state.” [62480]

BreakingIsraelNews.com reports, “As Operation Protective Edge now enters its 17th day, IDF soldiers returning from the war front in Gaza are giving shocking testimony about the barbaric methods Hamas is using to deter soldiers. Parents of wounded soldiers told Kol Yisrael radio on Tuesday that their sons reported numerous instances in which Hamas would use young children as human shields. Many of the soldiers told their parents that Hamas would repeatedly send out young children to the streets in the Shuja’iya neighborhood in northern Gaza with guns to try and attack IDF troops. Shuja’iya has been the location of some of the most intense fighting between the Israeli army and Hamas terrorists. Hamas converted the civilian neighborhood into a type of fortress, hiding its weapons and entrances to numerous terror tunnels that lead into Israel. One of the parents reported that their son had seen a terrorist run straight for the IDF soldiers, opening fire with a gun in one hand and a baby in the other. The terrorist hoped that should forces see the baby, they would hold their fire. If the soldiers fired, then the child’s death would be used as yet another piece of propaganda against Israel.” [62022]

Negotiations over legislation to correct some of the problems in the Veterans Administration stall after the White House demands even more money than was originally requested (\$17.6 billion), without any indication of what it would do with the money or how it would improve veterans care while reducing agency bureaucracies. [62051]

The Department of Housing and Urban Development reports that sales of new single-family homes declined 8.1 percent in June. The May figure is revised downward from an increase of 19 percent to 8 percent. [62055, 62056]

In a CNBC interview, Obama says, “If you think about where we were... when I came into office and where we are now—it’s pretty hard to find an economic measure where we’re not significantly better off.” (Obama ignores the one economic measure that is most important to most Americans: median family income—which, when adjusted for

inflation, is lower than when Obama entered the White House and has fallen every year.) [62038, 62039]

At MercedSunStar.com McClatchy's Jonathan S. Landay writes, "In congressional testimony as far back as November, U.S. diplomats and intelligence officials made clear that the United States had been closely tracking the al Qaida spinoff since 2012, when it enlarged its operations from Iraq to civil war-torn Syria, seized an oil-rich province there and signed up thousands of foreign fighters who'd infiltrated Syria through NATO ally Turkey. The testimony, which received little news media attention at the time, also showed that Obama administration officials were well aware of the group's declared intention to turn its Syrian sanctuary into a springboard from which it would send men and materiel back into Iraq and unleash waves of suicide bombings there. And they knew that the Iraqi security forces couldn't handle it. The group's operations 'are calculated, coordinated and part of a strategic campaign led by its Syria-based leader, Abu Bakr al Baghdadi,' Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Brett McGurk told a House committee on Feb. 5, four months before fighting broke out in Mosul. 'The campaign has a stated objective to cause the collapse of the Iraqi state and carve out a zone of governing control in western regions of Iraq and Syria.' The testimony raises an obvious question: If the Obama administration had such early warning of the Islamic State's ambitions, why, nearly two months after the fall of Mosul, is it still assessing what steps, if any, to take to halt the advance of Islamist extremists who threaten U.S. allies in the region and have vowed to attack Americans?" [62047]

The IRS releases a number of 2014 tax forms, and Americans for Tax Reform points out that the area for "other taxes" includes the ObamaCare tax—which the Obama administration has insisted is *not* a tax. [62062]

In an NPR interview, Hillary Clinton claims, "[T]he reset [with Russia] worked. It was a, uh, an effort to try to obtain Russian cooperation on some key objectives, uh, while Medvedev was president, and of course Putin still, you know, pulled the strings but he gave Medvedev a certain amount of independence to negotiate, number one, a new arms control treaty which was absolutely necessary. ...uh, we brought, uh, Russia around, uh, to understanding why we thought there needed to be international sanctions against Iran." (Clinton is delusional. Russia clearly bested the Obama administration. It got Obama to cancel plans for a missile defense system in Poland and the Czech Republic. Obama agreed to remove U.S. inspectors from Russia's Votkinsk manufacturing facility. Under the treaty, the United States reduces its nuclear weapons count from about 2,200 to 1,550—but Russia retains more than 10,000. At NationalReview.com Rich Lowry noted that the treaty limits Russia and the United States to 700 nuclear delivery systems—submarines, bombers, and missiles. But because Russia already has fewer than 700 launch vehicles, the treaty's required reductions *apply only to the United States*. Lowry wrote, "Effectively, New START only mandates cuts on us, and we make concessions to the Russians for the privilege. This is classic Obama chump diplomacy. ...The Russians negotiated well. The treaty removes the limits of the old START treaty on how many warheads can be placed on a missile, and it counts a bomber as one weapon no matter how many warheads are loaded on it. The Russian press has reported that these rules will

allow the Russians to retain hundreds more strategic warheads than the technical limit.” With regard to Iran, Clinton is equally delusional. Russia has been helping Iran skirt sanctions, while supporting the Assad regime in Syria. Her claim that the “reset worked” is utter nonsense.) [3754, 3770, 6205, 6480, 6819, 6956, 7242, 8461, 8620, 8621, 9537, 9538, 9951, 9994, 10104, 10130, 12630, 16116, 16915, 17313, 17314, 17338, 29298, 29207, 45904, 62067]

Senator James Inhofe (R-UT) Tells MSNBC’s Chuck Todd, “I think we’re overlooking the obvious here. I went down and talked to these kids [illegally crossing the border]. ... These kids were here in this country at the invitation of [Obama]. I think everyone knows it, nobody says it. ... [With] His DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals [policy], [Obama] is making it sound as if, ‘Come here, we’ll take care of you,’ and they all believe this. I talked to them individually, and I speak enough Spanish that I could do this. All of them were programmed to say that they had relatives here, they’re invited to come up here, they’re going to stay here—at the same time the HHS says, ‘We’re not going to send them back.’ So long as they have that assurance, more are coming in.” [62122]

At a Los Angeles fundraiser Obama says, “Obviously, people are concerned about some of the turmoil that’s taking place around the world, and they look at the Middle East and they see a transition from an old order to a new order, and they’re not sure how that’s going to happen, and the terrible violence that occurs as a result.” (Todd Starnes comments at Townhall.com: “That statement exudes arrogance. Does [Obama] truly believe that Republican opposition to his radical policies is more egregious than the war drums beating in the Middle East? ... Obama called the crisis a transition—‘from an old order to a new order.’ What’s happening, Mr. [Obama], is the systematic extermination of Christians and Jews—in Iraq and Israel. And quite frankly—many Americans are not quite sure whose side his administration is on. Since [Obama] seems to be allowing moral equivalency to cloud his judgment, let me lay out the two choices the Obama Administration—they [sic; it] can either support Israel or [it] can support the terrorist thugs who want to wipe them off the face of the Earth. This commentator stands with Israel.”) [62034]

At a Chicago fundraiser, Michelle Obama criticizes the process of fundraising—and then asks attendees to open their wallets, saying, “We need you to write the biggest, fattest check that you can possibly write.” (She then takes her daughters to a Jay Z and Beyonce concert at Soldier Field.) [62074, 62075]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, Democrat strategist James Carville says, “You know what, whether [Obama’s low poll numbers are] fair or not, that’s public opinion. And I further think that—honestly—I don’t really think he much cares what we think. And I don’t think he much cares about his poll numbers. I think he thinks he’s done and is doing a good job and history will record him, that’s he’s going about his business. He doesn’t really care.” [62036]

On *Hannity*, Charles Krauthammer excoriates the media for its biased, anti-Israel coverage, putting the blame on “simple rank ignorance. They don’t know the story. ...They don’t know what Israel offered Gaza, what it offered the West Bank. Do you ever hear anybody report that when Israel left Gaza nine years ago unilaterally, at the same time it dismantled four settlements in the West Bank? That was a signal from Ariel Sharon that he wanted to eventually leave all the territories and live in peace with the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. But you never hear that.” [62057]

On his late night television show, Jimmy Kimmel recycles a joke he has used in the past—but it arguably remains effective: “[Obama is] here in town to go to fundraisers, where he will spend the evening pretending to care about what celebrities think. I feel like [Obama] only comes to LA for money. He’s like a college student who comes home to do laundry and steal food from the refrigerator.” Noting the traffic tie-ups caused by Obama, Kimmel says, “A good way to ensure that your approval rating remains in the low 40s is to see to it that it takes three and a half hours for everyone to get home from work.” [62042]

On July 25 a smiling Congressman Luiz Gutierrez (D-IL) appears on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe* and brags, “Let me just say, in about an hour, I’m going over to the White House. I’ll be... meeting with [Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security] Jeh Johnson and the Chief Legal Counsel to [Obama]. We’re gonna [sic] sit down and we’re gonna [sic] negotiate, uh, additional, uh, terms and avenues [Obama] can use, and prosecutorial discretion, and I think, I think we can get three or four or maybe even five million people.” (By “Get... five million people” Gutierrez means “I think we can get amnesty for five million illegal immigrants and turn them into voting Democrats.”) [62107, 62110]

National Security Advisor Susan Rice writes House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), requesting that he support legislation repealing the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force in Iraq. Rice writes, “With American combat troops having completed their withdrawal from Iraq on December 18, 2011, the Iraq AUMF is no longer used for any U.S. government activities and the administration fully supports its repeal. Such a repeal would go much further in giving the American people confidence that ground forces will not be sent into combat in Iraq.” Congressman Buck McKeon (R-CA), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, states, “When Speaker Boehner told me about Ms. Rice’s letter, I thought he was joking. Obama Administration officials are warning us daily that the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is ‘worse than al-Qaeda’ and an extreme threat to the American people. The American people aren’t worried that [Obama] will send the military back to Iraq. They’re worried about a deadly terrorist state that can hit us from Wall Street to Main Street. They’re worried that [Obama] refuses to do anything, at anytime, in any way, to stop the flood of national security crises that are popping up around the globe. ...This isn’t just absurd. We’re past absurd. This is dangerous. This administration is fiddling while the world burns, and now they’re demanding Congress play with them.” FreeBeacon.com observes, “Senate Democrats have expressed a willingness to repeal the Iraq AUMF, a move that critics say would be dangerous to the United States’ ongoing fight against terror. A repeal of the war authority

could also be a boon for ISIL [ISIS] and would send a clear sign that the United States is not willing to stop the militant group from making gains.” [62142, 62143]

In a prayer sermon in Iran, Brigadier General Hossein Salami says, “We will chase you [Israelis] house to house and will take revenge for every drop of blood of our martyrs in Palestine, and this is the beginning point of Islamic nations awakening for your defeat. ...[We] will not let America and the Zionists enjoy the slightest taste of victory. From this day on, we expect dawns of great victory. We are certain that [the prophecy] of the divine tradition will be fulfilled, and the world of Islam will become a graveyard for the policies of America, the Zionist regime, and their reactionary allies in the region.” [62145, 62532]

At FreeBeacon.com Matthew Continetti writes, “What Israel should not endure is the premature conclusion of hostilities. Disarming Hamas—seizing its rocket caches, collapsing its tunnels, killing and capturing its forces—is vital to Israeli security. And an artificial ceasefire imposed by outside powers, a ceasefire written in terms favorable to Hamas, would undermine the security gains Israel has made to date. President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry have given no sign that they recognize this fact. Or maybe they understand it all too well: The Obama administration’s top priority is imposing a ceasefire at exactly the moment when Israel’s military success is becoming clear. Secretary Kerry arrived in Cairo earlier this week. No one wanted him there. Egypt’s ruler, General Sisi, has no interest in saving Hamas through international diplomacy: The Muslim Brotherhood is his mortal enemy. Kerry then went from Cairo to Jerusalem, where he met with U.N. Secretary Ban Ki-moon, who flew to the meeting on a plane chartered by Qatar, Hamas’ primary source of cash. Kerry also met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is too gracious to tell the secretary to go back to Boston. (Israel’s former ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, has said publicly what the Israeli government will not: Kerry is an unwelcome guest.)” [62287]

“Next up was Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority, who honored Kerry’s presence by endorsing Hamas’s call for a ‘Day of Rage’ in the West Bank. Kerry ‘will soon decide if Hamas and Israel are willing to agree on a Gaza ceasefire,’ Reuters says. Kerry will decide? Who died and made him king? ...Who wants a ceasefire? Obama and Kerry. They need the diplomatic victory after the failure of their misguided and poorly executed bid to reconcile the irreconcilable. [Obama’s] approval rating on foreign policy is abysmal. A ceasefire might help the American people forget, just for a moment, that [Obama] has failed to influence events in Ukraine, Syria, and Iraq, let alone advance American interests overseas. Since he [entered the White House], Israel is the one country in the world in whose affairs ...Obama has seemed at all interested in intervening. It is the one country whose politics and actions Obama has had no trouble judging harshly. Next to golf, it’s his favorite pastime. ...This is not the time for ...Obama and John Kerry to play to type, to promote bad agreements for self-satisfaction, for political gain. If they won’t stand behind Israel, they should at least get out of the way. And let the IDF finish the job.” [62287]

French police discover weapons on a tourist bus from Amsterdam traveling through Calais on its way to London. According to TundraTabloids.com, “[B]order police searched baggage and found three loaded automatic pistols, three Smith & Wesson revolvers and a semi-automatic Luger, as well as two Italian-made firearms, a Czech-made firearm, a silencer and almost 500 rounds of 9mm ammunition. Police have not identified the owner of the firearms. The bus was carrying 35 passengers, all of whom, as well as the driver, have been questioned. DNA tests have been carried out on 12 passengers who joined the bus in Utrecht, in the Netherlands, where the baggage was loaded onto the bus.” (The Netherlands, France, and Great Britain all have sizeable Muslim populations.) [62241, 62242]

TheHill.com reports, “The Justice Department moved Friday to open up the nation’s cinemas to the visually and hearing impaired with a slate of draft regulations requiring movie theaters to offer closed captioning and audio description technology. ‘This proposed rule will allow all Americans, including those with disabilities, to fully participate in the moviegoing experience,’ Attorney General Eric Holder said in unveiling the plan. ...The agency is seeking to require all theaters with digital screens to comply with the new regulations six months after the rule is finalized. ...Estimates of the costs of the rule fall somewhere between \$177.8 million and \$225.9 million... Under the rules, captions would be delivered directly to the seat in a manner only visible to only a requesting patron. Audio description, transmitted via a wireless headset, allows individuals who are blind or have low vision ‘a spoken narration of important visual elements of a movie, such as actions, settings, facial expressions, costumes and scene changes.’” (There is no word on what Holder might expect Disney World to do to help blind guests enjoy its *Soarin’* and *It’s A Small World* attractions.) [62115, 62116]

A CNN/ORC International poll shows that 33 percent of Americans want Obama impeached. CNN states, “There’s an obvious partisan divide, with 57% of Republicans but only 35% of independents and 13% of Democrats backing a move to impeach Obama.” [61995, 61996, 62040]

Israel and Hamas agree to a 12-hour cease fire starting on the morning of July 26, for “humanitarian purposes.” According to USAToday.com, Secretary of State John Kerry “had called for a temporary pause in fighting to allow Israelis and Palestinians to broker a broader deal. Israeli TV reported the deal was rejected mainly because Israel would have to cut short its effort at destroying Hamas tunnels. Meanwhile, Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon told troops Friday that Israel may significantly widen the Gaza ground operation. Kerry said some ‘terminology’ on the truce’s framework still needed to be worked out, speaking at an evening press conference in Cairo...” [62000, 62001]

Examiner.com reports, “An inside the Beltway public-interest group [Judicial Watch] that investigates and exposes government corruption, especially at the federal level, announced on Wednesday that its legal staff filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice in order to gain access to records regarding [Obama’s] granting of mass clemency to convicted felons...” [62058]

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) calls on legislators to approve the \$3.7 billion Obama has requested for dealing with illegal immigrant children without adding conditions: “These are two separate things. If you want to talk immigration, talk immigration. [If] You want to honor the values of our country in terms of humanitarianism and due process—pass the other bill. There’s no reason why they have to be tied.” (Many would argue, of course, that if conditions are not tied to the request for funds they will never be put in place. Once Obama has the cash he wants, he has no incentive to agree to stricter immigration rules.) [62060]

Obama advisor Dan Pfeiffer, addressing a *Christian Science Monitor* breakfast audience, says that Obama “acting on immigration reform will certainly up the likelihood that they [House Republicans] would contemplate impeachment.” (The White House would welcome impeachment proceedings, of course, because it knows that the Senate would never vote to convict—which requires a two-thirds majority. Obama is therefore in no danger of being removed from office. As a result, impeachment by the House would give Obama and his fellow Democrats an excuse to cry “racism!” all the way to the November elections. They also know that the more Obama angers conservatives with “amnesty lite” executive orders for illegal immigrants, the more they will demand impeachment. It is therefore in the best interests of some Democrat candidates for Obama to flaunt the law and circumvent the Constitution. Calls for impeachment will motivate Democrats to get out and vote in order to “save” Obama from “racist Republicans.” Obama is essentially betting that the American public is too stupid to understand that he will not be removed from office; even if the GOP wins the Senate in November, it will not have the two-thirds majority needed to convict Obama. On MSNBC, Chuck Todd later admits, “The most excited person yesterday was Dan Pfeiffer. ...The White House is praying for impeachment. They want this. They see nothing but political upside to this.”) [62064, 62068, 62173]

At NationalReview.com Rich Lowry later writes, “The White House may consider the unilateral amnesty a winning move on several different levels: it gets its policy goal; it satisfies an important part of its base; and if there is any serious move toward impeachment, it rallies the entirety of the Democratic base in a way we haven’t seen since 2008 and—assuming the politics of impeachment are bad for Republicans—drives the middle away from the GOP. An administration that is fast entering its dotage could consider this one of the few potential positive game-changers that it has direct control over—the Constitution and the rule of law be damned.” [62150]

Congressman Steve Stockman (R-TX) tells WND.com that Obama “is begging to be impeached. For all I know, Obama is preparing to process five million illegal immigrant kids and teenagers into the United States. He wants us to impeach him now, before the midterm election because his senior advisors believe that is the only chance the Democratic Party has to avoid a major electoral defeat. Evidently Obama believes impeachment could motivate the Democratic Party base to come out and vote.” [62080]

Israeli operations in Gaza result in the deaths of nine key Hamas leaders at a military command post. [62076, 62077]

According to the Israeli newspaper *Maariv*, Hamas had been preparing an assault on Israeli civilian targets for the coming Jewish New Year Holiday, Rosh Hashanah, which begins on September 24. Hundreds of terrorists would use Hamas tunnels to move from Gaza into Israel, after which they would kill and kidnap as many Israelis as they could. According to DailyCaller.com, “The attack was meant to generate as many as ten thousand casualties, men, women and particularly children and hundreds of captives. Explosives were particularly placed underneath kindergartens to make certain that these ‘institutions’ would be the first struck, even before any thing else.” According to WahsingtonTimes.com, Hamas’ “extensive tunnel network... is estimated to have cost as much as \$2 billion to construct.” (Some of that \$2 billion likely came from a portion of foreign aid from the United States.) [62091, 62092, 62093, 62178, 62280, 62374]

Shoebat.com posts video that purportedly shows “Hamas fighters beating and whipping their own civilians in order to force them back into... buildings” that are targeted by Israel. (Israel warns civilians to flee Hamas facilities, but Hamas then *forces* them to stay—in order to increase the number of civilian casualties for propagandist purposes and to gin up opposition to Israel. Pamela Geller writes, “This is the reality. The media is advancing a vile fiction. The media is sympathetic to these savages, which makes them just as evil. Just as anti-human.”) [62096, 62097, 62153]

The Israeli security council unanimously rejects a cease fire proposal from U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. The Tower.org observes, “Bizarrely, it is emerging that Kerry’s plan comes in the wake of apparent efforts to appease Hamas’ biggest financial backer, Qatar—which has also been bankrolling some of the most problematic anti-Western elements in the region such as ISIS and the Muslim Brotherhood—as well as Turkey, which has been openly supportive of Hamas’ terror regime and has been viciously attacking Israeli efforts to defend itself. Qatar, it should be noted, has been host to a number of leading terror luminaries, including Hamas leader Khaled Meshal as well as Muslim Brotherhood cleric Yusuf Al-Qaradawi, who has called for increased ritual circumcision of Muslim girls, and described the Holocaust as Allah’s way of punishing the Jews.” (Some might argue that Kerry is in Hamas’ corner; others that he is merely incompetent and has only a fraction of the talents he believes he has. At the very least, Kerry has forgotten that on March 4, 2009 he said, “Qatar can’t continue to be an American ally on Monday that sends money to Hamas on Tuesday.”) [62104, 62127, 62251, 62330]

According to *Haaretz*, “The draft Kerry passed to Israel on Friday shocked the cabinet ministers not only because it was the opposite of what Kerry told them less than 24 hours earlier, but mostly because it might as well have been penned by Khaled Meshal. It was everything Hamas could have hoped for. The document recognized Hamas’ position in the Gaza Strip, promised the organization billions in donation funds and demanded no dismantling of rockets, tunnels or other heavy weaponry at Hamas’ disposal. The document placed Israel and Hamas on the same level, as if the first is not a primary U.S. ally and as if the second isn’t a terror group which overtook part of the Palestinian Authority in a military coup and fired thousands of rockets at Israel.” *The Times of Israel*

writes, “it basically accepts all of Hamas’s demands but addresses Israeli worries only tangentially. Rather than calling for demilitarization of Gaza or addressing the attack tunnels the group has dug, the proposal merely calls for a general discussion of ‘all security issues.’ ...What emerges from Kerry’s self-initiated ceasefire mission—Israel had already accepted the Egyptian ceasefire proposal; and nobody asked him to come out on a trip he prefaced with sneering remarks about Israel’s attempted ‘pinpoint’ strikes on Hamas terror targets—is that Jerusalem now regards him as duplicitous and dangerous. Contrary to his public claim at his press conference in Cairo that his ceasefire proposal was ‘built on’ the Egyptian initiative, it manifestly is nothing of the kind.” (One Israeli minister reportedly describes Kerry as “negligent, incapable of handling the most basic matters.”) [62104, 62127, 62178, 62180]

On HBO’s *Real Time*, Bill Maher says, “There’s actually a 12-hour cease fire in the Middle East there with the war, otherwise known as reloading. And the Palestinian leaders have called for what they call a day of rage. In Los Angeles we also have a day of rage, that’s when you are trying to drive when Obama is in town. You saw that this week? Oh my gosh. When this guy comes into town, traffic is truly fucked. But you know what? Hollywood liberals, they are still crazy in love with him. Even when his motorcade turns the freeway into a parking lot, they’re like, ‘That was the most inspirational traffic jam I have—the way all the cars came together, it was—’ Yeah, that’s the problem, the cars came together.” [62112]

Israeli soldiers undercover a large cache of weapons in a house in Gaza. [62124]

On July 26 staff and Marine guards are evacuated from the U.S. embassy in Tripoli, Libya, to Tunisia as a result of violence. [62053, 62078, 62095]

While Obama plays golf with aide Marvin Nicholson and ESPN Hosts Mike Wilbon and Tony Kornheiser in Bethesda, Maryland, Hamas fires rockets into Israel, violating the agreed-upon 12-hour cease fire. Israel extends its cease fire for 24 hours, despite Hamas’ rocket attacks. [62070, 62071, 62081, 62082]

In Boston, several thousand Massachusetts residents protest illegal immigration. Rally organizer Jeff Kuhner, the host of WRKO’s *The Kuhner Report*, tells Boston.com, “I’ve never seen any kind of a backlash like this before on any issue ever. People in this state are livid. They feel betrayed by the political elite.” (Democrat Governor Deval Patrick has offered to accept many of the illegal immigrants into Massachusetts.) “These are not children,” says Kuhner. “When you say child, the implication is 4, 5, 6 [years old]. They’re teenagers—many of them are gangbangers. ...If you’re 15, you’re not a child. A child is 12 and under.” [62086, 62087, 62111]

Meanwhile, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel offers to house an additional 1,000 illegal immigrants. He tells the *Chicago Tribune*, “The influx of unaccompanied child migrants is a growing humanitarian crisis that we can no longer ignore. While we have our own challenges at home, we cannot turn our backs on children that are fleeing dangerous conditions.” MyFoxChicago.com reports, “The mayor’s office says the federal

government will pay for the youths' shelter, education, health care, food, safety and social services.” (At InstigatorNews.com Erik Rush comments, “Perhaps Emanuel is thinking is that the MS-13 gang members among these ‘refugee minors’ will feel right at home in his city. Obama’s intention to remake America in his own perverse and squalid image, and Emanuel’s callous disregard for Chicago’s black denizens aside, the two former Chicago bath house-hoppers obviously don’t even seem to care about appearances anymore. While they certainly possess the facility to have taken care of the immigrant issue more ‘quietly’ (something at which they’ve become quite adept), Emanuel preferred to give black Chicagoans what amounted to a big, fat middle finger with his announcement.” [62088, 62166]

Thousands of French Muslims protesting against Israel clash with police in Paris. More than 50 are arrested. (France24.com describes the rioting as mere “scuffles.”) [62089, 62129, 62130]

The Assyrian International News Agency reports, “The last Christian reportedly left Iraq’s second largest city of Mosul at 12:00 pm on Saturday, ending over 6,000 years of Assyrian history in the city. Assyrians have lived in Mosul for over 6,000 years, converting to Christianity over 2,000 years ago. This all came to an end on Saturday, when the last Assyrian Christian left the city. On Thursday, July 17th, the Islamic State (IS)—formerly the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS)—released a statement demanding the Christians in Mosul either to convert to Islam, paying the jizya (tax on non-Muslims), leave the city, or be killed. The threat was to be implemented on Saturday. It is being reported locally that by noon yesterday, every Christian had chosen to leave. Here in Erbil, about an hour and a half [sic] away from Mosul by car, I have spoken with families who were forced to flee. They describe how ISIS invaded their homes, taking whatever they wanted, and threatening to kill them. The estimates are that over 500,000 refugees have fled Mosul after Islamists took control on June 10th, and the few remaining Christians left yesterday.” (The Iraqi government begged Obama to authorize drone strikes against ISIS when its army was still limited in size and easily targeted. Obama refused. He claims to be a Christian, but his actions show indifference to Christianity and hatred for Israel.) [62090]

Hamas violates the 12-hour cease fire with Israel. [62094, 62100, 62103]

According to YNetNews.com, “Four children were killed... in Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula when a mortar round hit their home, in an apparent attack by militants targeting soldiers, security officials said. The attack took place in the northern Sinai town of El-Joura, believed to be a bastion of Islamist militants who have killed scores of policemen and soldiers over the past year.” [62479]

The Telegraph reports, “ Hamas militants are attempting to negotiate a new arms deal with North Korea for missiles and communications equipment that will allow them to maintain their offensive against Israel, according to Western security sources. Security officials say the deal between Hamas and North Korea is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and is being handled by a Lebanese-based trading company with close ties to the

militant Palestinian organisation based in east Beirut. Hamas officials are believed to have already made an initial cash down payment to secure the deal, and are now hoping that North Korea will soon begin shipping extra supplies of weapons to Gaza.” [62481]

In *The Telegraph*, Matt K. Lewis writes, “The degree to which Barack Obama is now phoning it in—sleepwalking perfunctorily through his second term, amid golf rounds and dinner parties—is astonishing. ...George Santayana observed that ‘Americans don’t solve problems, they leave them behind.’ Perhaps [Obama] is taking this to heart. ...And based on his recent handling of situations much more serious than a possible post-presidential move to sunny California, it seems as if ‘No Drama Obama’ is no longer even worried about keeping up appearances; he doesn’t care enough to fake it. Consider this: In recent days, a) Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was shot down, apparently by Russian separatists in Ukraine, b) In the Gaza strip, the numbers killed continued to mount as Israelis and Palestinians exchange rocket fire, c) a huge influx of children fleeing Central American poverty and gang warfare swamped America’s southern border, creating a humanitarian crisis. And, oh yeah, d) Christians living in Mosul were given the choice to either convert to Islam or flee the area they have inhabited for nearly two thousand years. You know what else has happened during this time? a) Obama played many rounds of golf, b) he attended numerous fund-raisers, c) he dined on barbecue in Texas and burgers in Delaware, and d) he almost appeared on the comedian Jimmy Kimmel’s late-night television show in Hollywood. ...The irony is that Obama won election in 2008, partly based on his ability to demonstrate leadership (at least, rhetorically).” [62109]

In *Palmer v. District of Columbia*, federal judge Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. rules unconstitutional a Washington, D.C. ban on carrying a handgun in public. Whether Obama’s Department of Justice will appeal the ruling remains to be seen. [62120, 62149]

On July 27 Jennifer Rubin writes in *The Washington Post*, “Secretary of State John Kerry is in the wrong place, talking to the wrong people about the wrong thing. Last week he had already dragged Qatar, a Hamas backer, into the picture rather than support Egypt and Israel’s attempt for a no-conditions cease-fire. He then offered a proposal that in essence betrayed our ally Israel before jetting off to talk to European Union diplomats, presumably to attempt to foist his Hamas-friendly deal on Israel. ...Kerry is obsessed with brokering a permanent truce that would freeze the status quo. But that is an impossibility for Israel [because of network of tunnels that allow Hamas terrorists to enter Israel]. ...Rather than work on a ‘truce,’ Kerry should set his sights on a plan for demolishing the tunnels. The Israeli Defense Forces can do so without continuing combat, but only if Hamas permits soldiers complete access to all of Gaza. Israel has no interest in reoccupying Gaza, but only with destruction of the tunnels can hostilities end and reconstruction of Gaza continue. ...But what does Kerry do? *He adopts Hamas’s position*, undermining both Israel and Egypt, in putting out a proposal that would let Hamas keep its remaining missiles and tunnels. The Israeli government decried this as a ‘capitulation’ to Hamas and was understandably ‘outraged.’ In a tenure filled with gaffes, missteps and blinding vanity this is a new low for Kerry.” (Kerry’s absurd proposal calls for the opening of border crossings into Gaza and even the construction of a port—which only the incredibly naive and dim-witted would not understand would lead to the

importation of even more weapons—from Iran, Turkey, and North Korea—into the hands of Hamas terrorists.) [62102, 62127, 62167]

Noting not only the terrorist tunnels but the use of civilian homes in Gaza to store rockets, ammunition, suicide vests and use civilians as shields, Rubin suggests, “The administration might at least comprehend the extent of the problem before mouthing off about the need for Israel to exercise ‘greater caution’ with civilians or, worse, allowing Hamas to keep its arsenal. Indeed whom does the Obama administration consider a ‘civilian?’” Noting Kerry’s recent meeting with Europeans, Turks, and Qataris—but no Egyptians or Israelis, Rubin writes that Kerry “sure seems anxious [sic; eager] to undercut the people (primarily the Egyptians) who are most likely to hold the line against Hamas and who are trying to put into place conditions that Israel desperately needs to secure its population from daily assault. If selling out Israel is Kerry’s goal, there is no better group to enlist than the Europeans. If the Israelis can continue to dis-entangle missiles, suicide vests and rockets from the civilian population and to destroy the tunnels, then an end to hostilities can take place. But for now the essential work to destroy Hamas’s terrorist apparatus continues in a state of war. Apparently the Israelis will need to accomplish their objective despite Kerry’s meddling. And, by the way, Hamas, in embedding itself in civilian homes, is guilty of massive war crimes, responsible for each civilian casualty in those quasi-military sites and should be held to account. Kerry might bring up that unpleasant reality when chit-chatting with his European pals.” [62102]

At TheAtlantic.com Jeffrey Goldberg—who is typically an Obama defender—writes, “I’m not sure why Kerry’s proposals for a ceasefire seem to indulge the organization [Hamas] that initiated this current war. Perhaps because Kerry may be listening more to Qatar, which is Hamas’ primary funder [as well as a major funder of ISIS, Libyan jihadists, and the Al Jazeera propaganda network], than he is listening to the Jordanians, Emiratis, Saudis, and Egyptians, all of whom oppose Hamas to an equivalent or greater degree than does their ostensible Israeli adversary. ...Israel won’t have a chance of winning the current struggle against Hamas’s tunnel-diggers and rocket squads if its principal ally [the United States] doesn’t appear to fully and publicly understand Hamas’s nihilistic war aims, even as it works to shape more constructive Israeli policies in other, related areas.” (Arguably, many informed Americans understand Hamas’ aims; it is the members of the Obama administration who are either hopelessly naive about Hamas’ intentions... or covertly opposed to Israel. Hamas is essentially the military arm of the radical Muslim Brotherhood, an organization Obama seems to have bent over backwards to appease.) [62105, 62108]

At AmericanThinker.com Clarice Feldman writes, “Providence is not just a city in Rhode Island. ...Every now and then we are reminded by events that providence has saved our civilization from disaster. ...Had thugs not brutally murdered three young men in Israel, the Israelis would not have stepped up efforts to find those responsible. Had the Israelis not done so Hamas would not have begun the rocket barrage into Israel. Had the rocket barrage not occurred and not ceased, the Israelis would not have entered Gaza, Had the Israelis not entered Gaza they would not have found the tunnel system, or the storage there of fake IDF uniforms, sedatives, handcuffs, and ropes, nor learned of the long-

planned Hamas effort to send thousands of their troops deep into lightly guarded Israeli communities on the holiest of days, Rosh Hashanah, to murder thousands and capture and hold as hostages countless more. ...Alex Bensky reminds me of Golda Meir's sage remark, what the world wants is a 'nice, progressive, anti-colonialist, anti-imperialist, dead Jewish people.' Once again, 'the world' will have to be disappointed. Providence in the guise of some murdering thugs and Hamas rocketeers intervened to alert Israel in time. ...[Secretary of State John] Kerry and Obama are being ignored around the world. They are seen as weak laughingstocks in a world marked with fighting and hostilities. One wonders if it has yet occurred to them that when they pooh-poohed American exceptionalism, insulted our oldest allies, reached out repeatedly to embrace our worse enemies, and denigrated their own land, that maybe—just maybe—they were also diminishing their own power and role upon the world stage? It's providence again." [62286]

On *State of the Union*, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) says, "...We have to support the Palestinians and what they need and we have to confer with the Qataris, who have told me over and over again that Hamas is a humanitarian organization, maybe they could use their influence, uh, to, um, uh, to—." Out of time for the interview, Crowley interrupts Pelosi and says, "I hope you'll come back and we will talk politics and midterms, and all kinds of things that are going around..." Pelosi interrupts as well: "Right, well that just—I think it's important to note, though, that through all of this, the Republicans are trying to sue [Obama]—on a path to impeach [Obama]—while we're trying to create jobs and, and, and have stability in our country and in the world," she blurted out. "And I'm, I'm sorry that we didn't get a chance to talk more about that." (Pelosi's "humanitarian organization" remark is astounding. Qatar is, in fact, one of the primary funders of Hamas terrorist activities, and the top Hamas leaders live in luxury hotels in Qatar. That Pelosi—and perhaps Crowley—are not aware of that is astounding. On the other hand, Pelosi's eagerness to claim that Republicans are "on a path to impeach" Obama is not ignorance, it is intentional nonsense. That the impeachment talk is coming mostly from Democrats is a clear indication that fundraising is behind the references. Democrats want to frighten their political base into donating to their campaigns to "save Obama" from impeachment. As stupid as Pelosi may be, she is not stupid enough to believe that the Senate would ever vote to convict Obama.) [62117, 62118, 62148, 62159, 62181, 62182]

Also appearing on *State of the Union* is Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes, who tells Crowley that the U.S. embassy in Tripoli had to be evacuated because of the "violence and instability in the area"—which he absurdly blames on former Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi: "Well, what Gaddafi left was an empty shell of a government. He never really built a state and the institutions of a state. So, you have these militias in place." (Libya was actually relatively stable until rebels forced Gaddafi out of office—with the aid of the Obama administration." CNSNews.com notes that on March 28, 2011 Obama said, "Of course, there is no question that Libya—and the world—would be better off with Qaddafi out of power." (He was mistaken. As bad as Gaddafi was, he kept Libya relatively stable and, unlike Obama, did his best to keep weapons out of the hands of jihadists.) [62157, 62158]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu says, “ Hamas has broken five ceasefires that we accepted, and we actually implemented. They rejected all of them, violated all of them—including two humanitarian ceasefires in the last 24 hours. Now they come with their own ceasefire proposal, and believe it or not, they’re violating even their own ceasefire proposal. They’re shooting at us as we speak. So Israel is not obliged, and is not going to let a terrorist organization determine when it’s convenient for them to fire at our cities, at our people... we’ll take the necessary action to protect our people.” [62100]

Sarah Palin writes, “ My Challenge to the Washington Post: To reclaim your credibility (and the mainstream media’s, at large), I challenge you to engage in the same aggressive investigative journalism you courageously employed 42 years ago covering President Nixon. The public knows of our current president’s incompetence, denials, and cover-ups, but would be well served if we could count on your resources to dig deep for truth in all matters pertaining to Team Obama. One example: your reporters kept tracking an obscure break-in story and that led to revealing a grave problem in the White House. The Washington Post’s reputation soared as the model of good journalism. Today, you’ve fallen like a lead balloon. Whereas you once doggedly covered the 18.5 minute gap in Nixon’s White House communications, you’ve virtually ignored the Obama Administration’s 1.2 million minutes of deleted communications by just one of the agencies under Obama’s executive branch. I’m speaking of the Lois Lerner IRS harassment-of-conservatives scandal wherein Lerner ‘lost’ pertinent email communications. You’ve allowed Obama to skate with his proclamation that absolutely no wrongdoing occurred at the IRS, ‘not even a smidgen.’ The list of Obama abuses and impeachable offenses is long. I challenge you to lift a finger and help protect democracy, allow justice for all, and ensure domestic tranquility by doing your job reporting current corrupt events fairly. If not, you prove yourselves incompetent and in bed with Obama, not caring one iota about media integrity. Those running the Washington Post’s show now, compared to those during the Nixon era, are too afraid of being uninvited to the permanent political class’ cocktail parties and petty gossip fests, making you all a bunch of wusses. I challenge you to get to work.” [62147]

At PJMedia.com Andrew Klavan distills a typical Obama speech to as few words as possible: “ I just flew in from Washington and boy are my arms tired! But seriously, it’s great to be back in Akron! Are those Republicans stinkers or what? It’s a war on women, I tell ya. They’ll probably impeach me next cause I’m black. Don’t boo—vote! Thanks, and that’ll be \$30,000 a plate!” [62154]

According to a report from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the average temperature for the 48 contiguous U.S. states in the first half of 2014 was 47.6 degrees Fahrenheit—the coldest first half of any year since 1993. The 20th century average was 47.5 degrees. (Obama and Al Gore have no comment.) [62106]

Obama and his wife issue a statement: “ As Muslims throughout the United States and around the world celebrate Eid-al-Fitr, Michelle and I extend our warmest wishes to them

and their families. This last month has been a time of fasting, reflection, spiritual renewal, and service to the less fortunate. While Eid marks the completion of Ramadan, it also celebrates the common values that unite us in our humanity and reinforces the obligations that people of all faiths have to each other, especially those impacted by poverty, conflict, and disease. In the United States, Eid also reminds us of the many achievements and contributions of Muslim Americans to building the very fabric of our nation and strengthening the core of our democracy. That is why we stand with people of all faiths, here at home and around the world, to protect and advance their rights to prosper, and we welcome their commitment to giving back to their communities. On behalf of the Administration, we wish Muslims in the United States and around the world a blessed and joyous celebration. Eid Mubarak.” (The Obamas do not provide details about how Muslims built “the very fabric of our nation” or strengthened “the core of our democracy.”) The Democrat Party tweets a photo of Obama having dinner, with the caption, “Wishing Muslims in the US and throughout the world a joyous Eid al-Fitr.” [62190, 62191, 62193, 62201, 62202, 62203, 62215]

Chris Cabrera, vice president of the National Border Patrol Council Local 3307, tells WND.com and Congressman Steve Stockman (R-TX), “I don’t usually get into the political part of it [the border crisis], but I find it odd that their whole thing is, ‘We are going to get amnesty when we get here. Where is my *permiso*? Where is my permission to go north so I can get my medical care and my schooling and all that? ...Obama is going to take care of us and make sure we’re all OK.’ Whether it’s the adults or the young kids, one thing we consistently hear is, ‘Obama will take care of us.’” Cabrera says minors are not being fingerprinted or photographed: “It’s always been a policy within the Border Patrol. Those 14 years old or younger are considered children, and no photographs are taken of them, and that’s how it’s always been. ...We’ve never had the number of unaccompanied children like this crossing the border illegally and just turning themselves in, like we’re seeing now. ...The McAllen Border Patrol station has hit in the recent past 1,500 a day, and sector-wide, from Rio Grande City to Brownsville, we’ve seen up to 3,500 [immigrants] a day.” [62122]

The Israeli army states that an “inquiry concluded that during the intense fighting between IDF forces and Hamas militants, the militants operated adjacent to the UNRWA school. The militants fired anti-tank missiles at IDF soldiers, who then responded by firing several mortars in their direction. The inquiry... concluded that a single errant mortar landed in the courtyard of the UNRWA school, when it was completely empty. The IDF stresses it does not operate or target international organizations in the Gaza Strip, and the ongoing coordination conducted via the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) is continuous without change, even during times of combat. In light of the inquiry’s findings, the IDF rejects the claims that were made by various officials immediately following the incident, that people were killed in the school premises as a result of IDF operational activity.” [62125, 62126]

Obama telephones Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. According to the White House, Obama “made clear the strategic imperative of instituting an immediate, unconditional humanitarian ceasefire that ends hostilities now and leads to a permanent

cessation of hostilities based on the November 2012 ceasefire agreement. [Obama] reaffirmed the United States' support for Egypt's initiative, as well as regional and international coordination to end hostilities. [Obama] underscored the enduring importance of ensuring Israel's security, protecting civilians, alleviating Gaza's humanitarian crisis, and enacting a sustainable ceasefire that both allows Palestinians in Gaza to lead normal lives and addresses Gaza's long-term development and economic needs, while strengthening the Palestinian Authority. [Obama] stressed the U.S. view that, ultimately, any lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict must ensure the disarmament of terrorist groups and the demilitarization of Gaza." [62152, 62164, 62165, 62189]

According to a leaked transcript of the telephone conversation (which both sides claim is inaccurate), Obama tells Netanyahu, "I demand that Israel agree to an immediate, unilateral cease fire and stop all offensive activities, especially air attacks." Netanyahu: "What will Israel receive in exchange for a cease fire?" Obama: "I believe that Hamas will stop shooting their rockets, quiet will be answered with quiet." Netanyahu: "Hamas has breached all five previous cease fires; it's a terror origination that is committed to the destruction of the state of Israel!" Obama: "I expect Israel to unilaterally stop all of its military activities; the images of destruction from Gaza are moving the world further away from Israel's position." Netanyahu: Kerry's proposal was totally unrealistic and gave Hamas military and diplomatic advantages." Obama: "A week after Israel ends its military activities, Qatar and Turkey will begin negotiations with Hamas based on the 2012 understandings which include an Israeli commitment to remove the blockade and other restrictions from Gaza." Netanyahu: "Qatar and Turkey are the biggest supporters of Hamas. You can't rely on them to be honest brokers." Obama: "I trust Qatar and Turkey... Israel is not in a position to choose the mediator." [If Obama trusts Qatar and Turkey, there are no limits to his naiveté.] Netanyahu: "I warn that Hamas will be able to continue launching rockets and use tunnels for terror attacks—" Obama (interrupting): "The ball is in the Israeli court and it must stop all military activities." (Pamela Geller writes, "Publicly, both sides are denying this [transcript]. But Obama is a liar, an unabashed, pathological unconscionable liar ('You can keep your doctor,' 'Not a smidgen of corruption' at the IRS, 'Benghazi was a spontaneous attack because of a youtube video'). And Bibi [Netanyahu] is in no position to upset the jihadophile in the White House. But if true—it gives us a glimpse at the monster running the country. There are so many alarmingly wrong things that jump out from this short transcript, it is like the US was hijacked by a MB [Muslim Brotherhood] agent...") [62205, 62208, 62209]

TheBlaze.com reports, "Israeli politicians from the right and left are fuming" at Obama over the call. Housing Minister Uri Ariel tweets, "Obama, leave us alone. Let us take care of ourselves and [you] take care of Syria. Prime Minister, proceed and don't let the background noise interfere." Knesset Member Danny Danon of Netanyahu's Likud Party states, "We need a cease-fire from Obama." Ze'ev Elkin, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, observes, "When we once listened to the Americans and allowed Hamas to participate in elections, Hamas took over Gaza and we received a terrorist entity. Hamas is a terrorist organization just like Al Qaeda, so there is no reason to talk about negotiations." Danny Dayan, head of the Council of Judea and

Samaria, calls Obama's immediate cease fire demand "a perversion of morality and diplomacy. ...[Israelis] are fighting for their homes. No matter what we do the enemy will never be satisfied. When they [Obama and Kerry] leave office soon, we will all breathe a sigh of relief, quiet but quite audible. It will take a long time to repair the damage caused by Obama and his Secretary of State, John Kerry." (The Israelis have a right to be angry. As their defense forces demolish the terrorist tunnels and take out rocket launch sites, what they need is support from Obama—not pleas to end the fighting and let Hamas off the hook. Some might look at the situation and believe Obama is trying to help Hamas.) [62152, 62164, 62165, 62194]

Knesset member Danny Danon comments on the telephone call, telling The Steve Mahlberg Show, "It was not a pleasant conversation if you saw what happened... it was not pleasant. [Obama] was yelling and telling Prime Minister Netanyahu what he should do and what he should not do. I tell you very frankly, we have a very close relationship with the U.S., the strongest ally of Israel. But this is not a way to treat the leader of an ally country. ...He is not talking, ...Obama, with a leader of the Taliban. He is talking with the leader of the state of Israel, of the Jewish people, and when we are in a time of war. We need the backing and the support of the U.S. Unfortunately, we do not have it now. [It's] not pleasant, to hear such a voice when you have so much pressure. ...I can tell you it is not easy for us when we see our boys being buried on a daily basis. As we speak now, when I'm on my way to Jerusalem, we have air-raid sirens going off and we are still under attack from rocket attacks as we speak. I urge Prime Minister Netanyahu and my friends in the cabinet to be strong now and to do whatever is good for Israel, even if it means to tell ...Obama, no, we cannot satisfy your wishes or your pressure to sign a ceasefire, which would be bad for Israel now. It is an insult the way ...Obama is treating Israel and Secretary [of State John] Kerry is treating Israel. It is an insult for us. The demand to have a ceasefire... is unacceptable. The U.S. knows how to fight al-Qaeda and the Taliban, and we are fighting Hamas... You don't beg for a ceasefire." [62209, 62210]

At CommentaryMagazine.com John Podhoretz writes that Obama may have "really crossed a—do I dare—red line here no other American leader ever has. Obama doesn't like the pictures he's seeing, he doesn't like Bibi [Netanyahu], he doesn't like the fact that even Israel's liberals are in a belligerent frame of mind after weeks of missile attacks against population centers, he isn't running for reelection, he doesn't care about donors or Jewish voters, he believes in his heart of hearts that the root cause of regional instability is Israel's gains in the 1967 war, and in service of all these feelings and beliefs, he's decided Israel is in the wrong and that Hamas needs to be saved from Israel's might. In which case, he is personally intervening against an American ally with a legitimately elected and deeply fractious coalition government on behalf of a terrorist organization. I report. You decide." [62168, 62169]

On July 28 Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com, "[H]undreds of thousands of weapons given to Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) by the United States, including machine guns, are missing. According to a report issued earlier this month from the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) titled Afghan

National Security Forces: Actions Needed to Improve Weapons Accountability, nearly half of weapons issued are unaccounted for.” [62099]

According to a CNN poll, Mitt Romney would defeat Obama if the 2012 election were held today. [62101, 62121]

LifeNews.com reports that Obama “has nominated a new ‘Religious Freedom Ambassador,’ but his nominee opposes protecting the religious freedoms of the owners of Hobby Lobby, who don’t want to be forced to pay for drugs for their employees that cause abortions. Obama announced that he will nominate Rabbi David Nathan Saperstein as Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department. Saperstein is a longtime pro-abortion advocate whose group has opposed pro-life legislation. ‘I am grateful that Rabbi Saperstein has chosen to dedicate his talent to serving the American people at this important time for our country. I look forward to working with him in the months and years ahead,’ he said. Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, is subject to Senate confirmation.” (Saperstein has called the Supreme Court’s Hobby Lobby decision “deeply, deeply troubling.”) Ashley McGuire, senior fellow with the Catholic Association, states that Obama “is yet again demonstrating his callous disregard for religious liberty by nominating Rabbi Saperstein for Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom. Saperstein favors fining family business owners for their religious beliefs and forcing Americans into complicity with abortion against their deeply-held religious beliefs, something the Supreme Court has already ruled against.” The Catholic Association’s senior policy adviser Maureen Ferguson states, “This baffling appointment is akin to putting the fox in charge of the hen house—how will he have credibility defending freedom of religion abroad when he favors limiting religious freedom at home?” [62192, 62369]

Hillary Clinton tells CNN’s Fareed Zakaria, “We [Americans] have to go back out and sell ourselves. It [our image] is not to be taken for granted. What do we stand for and how do we intend to lead and manage? How do we try to enlist the rest of the world in this struggle between cooperation and order and conflict and disorder which is really at the root of so much that’s going on today—and I don’t think we’ve done a very good job of that. ...Of course, there are specifics, they’re all the headlines we can talk about. But the trend lines, let’s not forget the trend lines. George W. Bush is very popular in Sub-Saharan Africa. Why? Because of [his] emergency program for AIDS relief. Whether you agree or disagree with a lot of what else he did—and I disagree with a lot of it—I am proud to be an American when I go to Sub-Saharan Africa and people say, ‘I want to thank President Bush and the United States for helping us fight HIV/AIDS.’ ...I think we would be able to succeed more effectively if we were clearer about who we are and what we stand for and the values that we hold.” (Many will take Clinton’s comments as a criticism of Obama.) [62175, 62185]

Judge Ellen Lipton Hollander refuses to recuse herself in *Taitz v. Colvin*, in spite of the fact, notes attorney Orly Taitz, “that she was an Obama appointee and she aided and abetted Obama by covering up his use of a stolen CT SSN 042-68-4425. Judge

Hollander claims that it is ‘speculative’ to believe that her appointment to the bench would be in jeopardy because the men who appointed her is a fraud using stolen and fabricated IDs. ... The only conceivable reason Judge Hollander refused to release the original application to CT SSN 042-68-4425, is because she knows Obama is using this stolen number and she knows that the revelation will not only cost him presidency and freedom, but will also cost her Federal Judgeship. She states that it is ‘speculative’ to believe that if indeed it is uncovered that Obama used a stolen CT SSN, she would be removed from the bench as a judge and there is a conflict of interest requiring her recusal. She believes that there is no conflict of interest and she should not recuse herself.” (Taitz’s lawsuit is an attempt to obtain the release of Obama’s application for a Social Security Number. Many believe that Obama never actually completed such a form, and has used multiple stolen numbers over the years. The 042-68-4425 number—which was issued for a state in which he never lived or worked—is only one of several numbers Obama has used.) “This is truly frightening,” writes Taitz. “US citizens officially have no rights and are treated as slaves by the regime. Obama is flooding this nation with illegals, acting as a dictator, courts have in front of them evidence of Obama being a criminal, who is using stolen and fabricated IDs and the judges are complicit in the cover up. We have no rule of law, we do not have a system of justice.” [62163]

At FoxNews.com Todd Starnes reports that the Obama administration has dumped 760 illegal immigrants into Tennessee without bothering to inform Governor Bill Haslam. In a letter to Obama, Haslam writes, “It is unacceptable that we became aware via a posting on the HHS [Health and Human Services] website that 760 unaccompanied children have been released by the Office of Refugee Resettlement [ORR] to sponsors in Tennessee without my administration’s knowledge. ... I still have not been contacted and have no information about these individuals or their sponsors other than what was posted on the HHS website.” Starnes notes, “It’s... unclear why the ORR is handling the children—since they are illegal immigrants and not refugees. It’s been the Obama administration’s standard operating procedure to release the illegals into states without notifying local or state government officials. White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest told reporters that the illegal immigrant children have a right to privacy. He said privacy rights of the illegals are more important than the public’s right to know what’s happening.” [62119, 62183]

Obama sends Russian President Vladimir Putin a letter protesting its testing of ground-based cruise missiles, which is a violation of a 1987 treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union. According to *The New York Times*, “Russia first began testing the cruise missiles as early as 2008, according to American officials, and the Obama administration concluded by the end of 2011 that they were a compliance concern. In May 2013, Rose Gottemoeller, the State Department’s senior arms control official, first raised the possibility of a violation with Russian officials.” (Why Obama waited so long to address the issue personally is not clear, although it may be that he is using the condemnation of the treaty violation to show he can “act tough” against Putin. Putin is likely to not care about Obama’s protestations.) [62133]

WND.com reports, “The Gaza Strip’s main hospital and the third largest Palestinian refugee camp were both struck by failed rocket attacks launched by Gaza terrorists, the Israel Defense Forces told WND today. The rockets were aimed at Israeli residential neighborhoods near the Gaza Strip but fell short and hit Gaza’s Al-Shifa Hospital and the Al-Shati refugee camp instead, a senior IDF spokesperson said. Several major media outlets immediately reported Israel was behind the strikes just outside the Al-Shifa hospital, based solely on Palestinian claims and before any official IDF reaction.” (The hospital is reportedly a major base of operations for Hamas.) [62160, 62312]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells Fox News’ Brett Baier, “The point is that there’s one side [Hamas] that is clearly bent on escalation and one side, that is Israel, that is bent on defending its people, as any country would under similar circumstances. ...I’ll tell you what my experiences have been. I’ve been in war. I’ve been in battle. And when you take a surgical operation, you can’t guarantee when your soldiers are being fired from Hamas homes, that is, Hamas is targeting people with—from private homes. And you hit them back. Of course, some people are going to be hurt. That’s totally different from deliberately targeting them. We asked these civilians, before we went in, we said, please leave. We text them. We call them on cell phones. We drop leaflets. We told them where to go. And those who left were safe. Now, those who didn’t leave, do you know why they didn’t leave? Because Hamas told them to be there, because Hamas, while we try to avoid Palestinian civilian dead, Hamas wants Palestinian civilians dead. The more the better, so they can give you telegenic fodder. So this is the cruelest, most grotesque war that I’ve ever seen. I mean not only does Hamas target civilians, ours, and hides behind their civilians, theirs, it actually wants to pile up as many civilian deaths as possible.” [62123]

At HumanEvents.com John Hayward writes, “If Barack Obama and John Kerry’s bizarre intervention on Hamas’ behalf against Israel over the weekend seems confusing, it’s because you’re talking their boilerplate rhetoric about being ‘friends to Israel’ who respect her ‘right to defend herself’ seriously. Obama regards Turkey as a more valuable ally than Israel. Turkey is run by an increasingly deranged Islamist [Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan] who is very eager to keep Hamas in the game. Obama is also miffed at Egypt, which overthrew the Muslim Brotherhood government Obama once celebrated as a triumph of his ‘Arab Spring’ foreign policy. Egypt under the Brotherhood would have been helping Hamas right now; instead, they’re blowing up Hamas tunnels that protrude into *their* territory. Obama personally dislikes Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Secretary of State Kerry’s brain floats in a numbing stew of anti-Western ideology that led him to describe Israel as an ‘apartheid state’ when he thought nobody who disagreed was listening. Both Obama and Kerry are keen for some sort of ‘win’ in the burning world Obama’s reckless foreign policy has created, and they know they’re not going to get it by browbeating the homicidal lunatics who run Hamas—Obama’s ‘smart power’ idea boils down to leaning on the civilized people who feel compelled to at least pretend they take him seriously, while letting savages get away with murder.” [62167]

Hayward continues, "...Obama's 'smart power' means following the path of least resistance. He appeases and capitulates to get foreign crises off the radar screen, viewing them as annoying distractions from the 'transforming America' project he prefers to focus on. That makes Obama the perfect patsy for 'asymmetrical warfare,' which is all about becoming a bloody nuisance and annoying civilized people into making concessions. Hamas can't defeat Israel, but they can keep making life miserable until they get what they want, piece by piece. Hamas has demonstrated that no amount of dead Palestinians will dissuade it, and they're not going to recoil from a round of harsh newspaper editorials or finger-wagging from the United Nations or U.S. State Department, so the 'smart power' calculus calls for going to work on Israel until they buckle under. In the process, the basic argument of the terrorist is accepted, and their tactics are validated: *we'll keep hurting innocent people until we get what we want, and we can never be permanently defeated, so this only ends when we win.* It's a gruesome upgrade of the childish tactic of screaming until the grown-ups give you at least part of what you wanted. Indulging this tactic from children is bad parenting. Indulging it from brutal terrorists is an invitation to further bloodshed. The terrorists know their human-shield tactics will work, so they'll redouble their efforts to put civilians in front of their rocket launchers, striking at Israel with impunity and howling bloody murder when retaliatory strikes kill the people Hamas has put in harm's way. They'll also have every reason to escalate their bloody atrocities in the future, knowing that no matter what they do, they'll get a reset to the status quo afterward. Escalation is the logical conclusion when terrorists are satisfied their basic strategic model is sound." [62167]

Hillary Clinton tells interviewer Jorge Ramos, "I think Hamas intended to provoke Israel, because that's why they started the rocket fire again, as I say, when I negotiated a cease fire [in 2012] it held until just this month, and then Hamas, which has its back against the wall, decided to, once again, fire rockets into Israel. Israel made it clear that wasn't acceptable, Hamas kept doing it, Israel said we have to stop the rockets and then they discovered all these tunnels, so, obviously, Israel has a right to self-defense, but I and everybody who is seeing these terrible pictures, uh, on our TV, hope there can be a cease fire and try to end the killing and try to prevent, uh, the unbelievable heartbreak that we see happening. ... The problem is, and this is something, I'm not a military planner, but Hamas puts its missiles, its rockets in civilian areas, part of it is that Gaza's pretty small and it's very densely populated. They put their command and control of Hamas military leaders in those civilian areas..." (Clinton's 2012 cease fire most certainly did not hold until "just this month." Hamas had violated the cease fire repeatedly. Further, Israel did not just discover "all these tunnels." It has had to deal with the Hamas terrorist tunnels for years. That Gaza is "pretty small" is an astoundingly stupid defense of Hamas' abominable tactic of using civilians as shields. Clinton is not only "not a military planner," she should certainly not be allowed to serve as commander in chief.) [62134]

Ramos asks Clinton, "Recently you've said about the Central American children coming to the United States that we have to, 'send them back.'" Clinton replies, "Well that was a sort of a short circuit of what I've said over all. I've made several points. There are two kinds of children—there are what we might call 'migrant children,' there are what we might call 'refugee children.' And within our legal framework on a humanitarian basis,

we need to provide emergency care for all children. I don't care who they are or where they came from, they need to be given the basics and necessities and all as much love as we can. ...*Some* of them should be sent back. ...[We should deport] Whoever was in the category of where they don't have legitimate claim for asylum, where they don't have some kind of family connection, those children should be returned to their families. ...We should be setting up a system in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, to screen kids... before they get into the hands of coyotes, or they get on the beast, or they're raped." (IJReview.com observes, "So before she was for 'sending them back' and now she's advocating for us to send immigration officials into Central America to sign up people for refugee status? That's quite a 'short circuit' you had there, Hillster! We also call that a flip flop, and the reason for it is clear—the opening question to this exchange from Ramos was, 'Do you think you have a Latino problem?' That's what we can expect from a Hillary Clinton presidency—'short circuit' flip flops determined by identity politics." (Clinton's flip-flop illustrates the problem most presidential candidates have. They need to appear closer to the political center to get elected, but they need to be sufficiently leftist or conservative in order to win their party primaries. Although the average American may prefer deportation of most recent illegal immigrants, the base of the political party does not share that view. Clinton is therefore forced to choose different answers to questions for different audiences, while wording them with enough wiggle room to allow her to later say, "Oh, that was misinterpreted.") [62151, 62177]

According to an Economist/YouGov poll, 81 percent of Americans believe the illegal immigration problem is serious; 77 percent believe the illegal border crossers should be deported; 66 percent are sympathetic to the immigrants; 57 percent believe the immigrants are heading to the United States because they expect amnesty. (*The Obama Timeline* believes Obama and the Democrats are playing with fire with their immigration and amnesty policies. The American people may be sympathetic and caring, but there are limits to their generosity—and with a \$17+ trillion national debt and millions of U.S. citizens seeking employment, many are losing patience with Washington, D.C. Obama may be underestimating the anger he may be creating among black voters, who have higher unemployment rates than white voters. Although many blacks may never vote for a Republican, that does not mean they won't stay home on election day if they resent amnesty proposals.) [62179]

Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) warns from the floor of the Senate, "We are entering a momentous week, as Congress must face the reality that ...Obama is moving towards a decision whereby he would issue executive orders in direct contravention of long-established American law. ...This after Congress has explicitly refused demands to change the law to suit his desire. ...[Illegal immigrant amnesty] would be in contravention of his duty and his oath to see that the United States are faithfully enforced—and it would be a direct challenge to the clear powers of Congress to make laws. [Obama's] actions are astonishing; they're taking our nation into exceedingly dangerous waters... Such calculated action strains the constitutional structure of our republic. ...Mr. [Obama], you work for the American people. They don't work for you! And they will not accept nullification of their law passed by their elected representatives. The American people are not going to accept it. They're going to fight this. They will

resist. ...I'm calling on every person in this body and in the House of Representatives to stand up and be counted in this perilous hour. I think it is a perilous hour. I don't think I've seen a situation in which a president, weeks in advanced, have announced he's going to take action that violates law. Will we answer that call? Where will history record each of us stood at this important time? I believe the answer should be clear. We stand for law, we stand for the Constitution, we stand for an honorable, lawful immigration system that treats everyone fairly and serves the national interest of the people of the United States.” [62184]

In Syria, ISIS terrorists behead 50 Syrian soldiers and place their heads on stakes for everyone to see. Pamela Geller posts the video, writing, “As much as I despise running this ‘jihad porn,’ people must know what it is we are dealing with. Beheading is Islamic ritual slaughter. Obama was warned of this group well over a year ago. He told David Remick of the New Yorker that they were the JV team against the LA Lakers. Well, the JV team has taken over whole swaths of Syria (the Levant) and Iraq, and they have stated more than once that they are coming for Obama. The enemedia dishonestly downplays the threat of jihad—just as they describe the violent pro-terror riots across the world as ‘clashes.’ They are dishonest and dangerous. This video might be too gruesome or graphic, but in a campaign against Islamic barbarism and savagery, people must know. Yesterday I published a news story about an Australian Muslim who went to Syria and was photographed proudly posing with five decapitated heads. A Western Muslim—no poverty, no illiteracy, no cultural misunderstanding. An Australian Muslim. The common thread? Islam.” [62128]

Rush Limbaugh says Obama “is really trying to goad the House Republicans into impeaching him. Really trying, I mean, very hard. It’s become obvious. It’s so obvious, he’s not fooling anybody. ...CNN and other drive-by media are going to report this—not as something Obama is trying to make happen—they’re going to report this as something the Republicans want to happen so that they get creamed by it [on election day] even if they do nothing. Remember, there is no journalism anymore. There is only advocacy disguised as the news.” [62173]

On *Special Report*, columnist Charles Krauthammer says, “Look at the wreckage that [Secretary of State John] Kerry has done in intervening in the Israeli-Gaza fighting. He decides he has to go—the Israelis did not invite him, the Egyptians did not want him—and he says he advanced a peace plan that was...building on the Egyptian one. It didn't at all. It undermined it. ...Kerry goes over and he negotiates in Paris, who with? Qatar and Turkey, and returns essentially as the lawyer for Hamas, hands Israel a proposition that is so outrageous, that the cabinet votes 19 [to] nothing against it. Israeli cabinets have never voted 19 [to] nothing on whether the sun rises in the east. [Kerry's proposal] was unbelievable. It would have given Hamas all of its demands. ...[A]nd there's one thing [Kerry] doesn't; seem to understand. There's a miracle happening in the Middle East, which is a tacit alliance between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority [PA], of all people, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the gulf Arabs, all of the moderates, all of our friends, who want to see Hamas squeezed... The Palestinian Authority leader attacked the [Kerry] plan and said, ‘What was Kerry doing in Paris negotiating with Qatar and

with Turkey, and leaving out the PA? And leaving out Egypt.” (The moderate Arab nations oppose Hamas because it is the fighting arm of the Muslim Brotherhood, which would just as soon overthrow their leaders also and impose radical jihadist governments. Kerry is either a dunce for not recognizing that, or he for some reason wants the Brotherhood to succeed. The latter may not be as outrageous as it sounds if he is merely doing the bidding of Obama, who has shown considerable deference to the Muslim Brotherhood.) [62132]

On July 29 Jeffrey H. Anderson writes at WeeklyStandard.com, “Publicly, ... Obama loves to demonize insurance companies. But behind the scenes, Big Government and Big Insurance maintain a cozy alliance that the Obama administration actively nourishes, often at taxpayer expense. Indeed, as emails recently obtained by the House Oversight Committee show, Big Government and Big Insurance have worked together to promote Obamacare. They’ve also worked together to make sure taxpayers will help bail out insurance companies who lose money selling insurance under Obamacare—that is, unless Republicans stop this from happening. Moreover, Obama senior advisor Valerie Jarrett is among the prominent White House officials who’ve been in the middle of this collaboration between insurers and the administration—between those driven by the profit motive and those driven by the power motive.” The emails make it clear that the Obama administration kept in close touch with insurance company executives and even coached them on what to say in news interviews. The emails also show that the insurance companies wanted reassurances that they would be bailed out by the federal government if premiums fell short of covering their ObamaCare costs—and Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett let them know that would be the case. [62135, 62136, 62176]

California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones reports that health insurance premiums in his states skyrocketed from 2013 to 2014, with some 25-year-olds paying 52 percent more than a year earlier. (Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson asks, “Why is a partisan California Democrat making a ‘statement against interest’ by sounding the alarm over soaring Obamacare premiums? In order to arrogate more price-control power for himself, of course. He wants voters to approve a ballot measure that would hand the government—and him, specifically—the power to reject proposed rate increases deemed to be ‘excessive.’ Insurers oppose the measure, which they (understandably) argue would not solve the problem of higher costs—not to mention the significant risk of providers pulling out of the market.”) [62171, 62172]

Dr. Charles Blahous, of the Social Security and Medicare Boards of Trustees, tells the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security that the system has more than \$24 trillion in unfunded liabilities. Blahous states, “There is an excess of benefit obligations over contributions for people who are already in the system. And that’s actually about \$24 trillion. And that’s about 4.4% of future wages going forward.” Boston University economics professor Laurence Kotlikoff states, “And it’s not bankrupt in 30 years, or 20 years, or 10 years. It’s bankrupt today. This is not my opinion. This is the only conclusion one can draw from Table IVB6 of the 2013 Social Security Trustee’s Report. This table reports that Social Security has a \$23 trillion fiscal gap measured over the infinite horizon. Twenty-three trillion dollars is 32 percent of the present value, also

measured over the infinite horizon, of Social Security's future revenues. Hence, Social Security is 32 percent underfinanced, which means it is in significantly worse financial shape than Detroit's two pension funds taken together." (For 2014 alone the Social Security system will pay out about \$80 billion more in benefits than it collects in taxes.) Congressman Jim Renacci (R-OH) comments, "So we have \$17 trillion in [the national] debt, we have potentially \$10-20 trillion in unfunded [Social Security system] liabilities, we could have over \$50 trillion total liabilities—just in those two areas—and we have \$80 billion each year, at least this year, that is going to exceed what comes in. I would somewhat believe we have a current problem that we need to fix and it's something that we can't kick down the road, as I continue to hear. ...As a CPA and former businessman, I came to Washington to bring a business perspective to an institution that sorely lacks it. We know that we spend more than we should, but the American people do not fully know the extent of our country's dire financial situation. This is partly due to the fact that the Treasury leaves some of the largest liabilities, including Social Security, off of its balance sheet." [62221]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, "We have no plans to impeach [Obama]. We have no future plans. This whole talk about impeachment has come in from [Obama's] own staff and coming from Democrats on Capitol Hill. Why? Because they're trying to rally their people to give money and to show up in this year's election. Listen, it's all a scam started by Democrats at the White House." (Impeachment may arguably be warranted, but for the House to do so only to have the Senate fail to convict would leave Obama in office and give Democrats another "race card" to play against the GOP until election day. Boehner is correct to throw water on the idea.) [62195, 62217]

At Shoebat.com, Walid Shoebat ad Theodore Shoebat report, "ISIS just released a video showing what they claim are Iraq's Army POWs captured by ISIS, driven away in truck loads and then shot them all dead [sic]. The video caption stated that there were 1,500 individuals. The video shows their end being shot at point blank [sic] in several horrific mass slaughters reminiscent to what we see during Nazi Germany. The young teens begged for their lives as they were made to curse [Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri] Al-Maliki but to no avail while they were forced to chant 'long live the Muslim nation.'" [63240]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "Israel unleashed its heaviest bombardment in its three-week-old campaign against Hamas in Gaza on Tuesday as the Obama administration battled the growing perception among Israelis that Secretary of State John F. Kerry is a hapless bumbler in search of a cosmetic truce. Diplomatic efforts remained stalled despite a death toll that Palestinian officials said rose above 1,200 on Tuesday. The shadowy leader of the Hamas military wing said his group will not cease fire until an economic embargo is ended and other demands are met. After his latest round of mediation failed to achieve a cease-fire, Mr. Kerry has been portrayed in the Israeli media as a blunderer who unwittingly represented the interests of Hamas, a terrorist organization that declares the death of all Jews everywhere to be a religious duty. 'U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry ruined everything,' columnist Ari Shavit wrote in Haaretz, Israel's most influential liberal newspaper. 'Very senior officials in Jerusalem described the proposal that Kerry put on the table as a 'strategic terrorist attack.' Mr. Kerry said Tuesday he is

not concerned about personal attacks. ‘I’ve taken hits before in politics. I’m not worried about that,’ he told reporters. ‘This is not about me. This is about Israel and Israel’s right to defend itself.’” (Behind the scenes, Kerry has been whining like a baby about the criticism, and has had several minions go to the media to defend him.) [62196, 62197, 62257]

An Italian journalist who was in Gaza at the time reports that the attack on al-Shifa hospital was from an errant Hamas rocket, not an Israeli strike. According to Camera.org, two *Wall Street Journal* reporters tweeted similar comments—which were then deleted. The Associated Press reports “BREAKING: White House: US condemns Israel’s shelling of UN school in Gaza Strip.” (The White House, eager to criticize Israel, jumps to a premature conclusion—and later changes its statement.) [62243, 62244, 62245, 62264, 62265]

In *The Jerusalem Post*, Middle East expert Caroline Glick writes, “Americans need to be alarmed by what Obama’s actions on behalf of Hamas reveal about the general direction of American Middle East policy under his leadership. When ...Obama phoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Sunday night, in the middle of a security cabinet meeting, he ended any remaining doubt regarding his policy toward Israel and Hamas. ...Obama told Netanyahu that Israel must lose. He wants an unconditional ‘humanitarian’ cease-fire that will lead to a permanent one. And he wants it now. And by the way, the eventual terms of that cease-fire must include opening Hamas-controlled Gaza’s borders with Egypt and Israel and ending Israel’s maritime blockade of the Gaza coast. That is, the cease-fire must allow Hamas to rebuild its arsenal of death and destruction quickly, with US political and financial support. Until Obama made the call, there was lingering doubt among some Israelis regarding his intentions. Some thought that US Secretary of State John Kerry might have been acting of his own accord last Friday night when he tried to force Israel to accept Hamas’s cease-fire terms. But then Obama made his phone call. And all doubts were dispelled. Kerry is just a loyal steward of Obama’s foreign policy. Obama is siding with Hamas, and its Muslim Brotherhood patrons in Qatar and Turkey, against Israel, and its Sunni Arab supporters—Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.” [62249, 62250]

Glick continues, “...The discovery that the Obama administration is entirely in Hamas’s corner hit all of Israel hard. But it hit the Left the hardest. Few on the Right, which recognized Obama’s hostility from the outset of his [administration], were surprised. As for political leaders, the government cannot risk giving the administration justification for its anti-Israel policies, so senior ministers have all said nothing. Consequently, the harshest criticisms of the administration’s pro-Hamas position were heard from quarters where rarely a peep of criticism for Obama has been heard. The Israeli Left went ballistic. ...The Israeli Left has been Obama’s ace in the hole since he first ran for office, fresh from the pews in Jeremiah Wright’s anti-Semitic church. They were the grease in the wheels that legitimized the administration’s anti-Israel pressure group J Street. They were the ones who could be counted on to tell the US media and the American Jews that Netanyahu is to blame for Obama’s hostility. Yet, rather than backtrack, and try to save the Israeli Left, the administration doubled down on Monday, releasing a series of

statements condemning the Israeli media's condemnations of Kerry's pro-Hamas position. By Monday afternoon, the administration went so far as to say that by criticizing Kerry, Israel's media were endangering their country's alliance with the US. In other words, through his actions, Obama demonstrated that his 'love affairs with the Muslim Brotherhood in the region,' are so central to his foreign policy calculations that he is willing to destroy the Israeli Left in order to strengthen the Brotherhood." [62249, 62250]

"And this leads us to the larger point about Obama's foreign policy, which his Sunday night telephone call to Netanyahu revealed. As rattled as Israelis are over Obama's decision to support Hamas against Israel, Netanyahu made clear in his remarks Monday night that Israel has no choice but to keep fighting until we defeat this barbaric enemy. Netanyahu didn't mention Obama, but it was obvious that he was respectfully refusing to hand Israel's head on a platter to Hamas's friend in the White House. And while it is hard for Israel to ignore Obama, it is impossible for Americans to ignore him. He runs their foreign policy. Americans are the ones who need to be most alarmed by what Obama's actions on behalf of Hamas reveal about the general direction of American Middle East policy under his leadership. ...The problem is that in every war, in every conflict and in every contest of wills that has occurred in the Middle East since Obama took office, he has sided with Iran and the Muslim Brotherhood, against America's allies. Under Obama, America has switched sides." [62249, 62250]

At FoxNews.com Todd Starnes reports that U.S. troops have been told "to refrain from eating, drinking in front of Muslims. ...That's the directive that has gone out to active duty military personnel at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, a Department of Defense medical and graduate school in Bethesda, Md. The brigade commander sent an email to military personnel at the facility last month—just before the start of Ramadan—advising them to show respect to Muslim colleagues. 'This is a period of great personal restraint and commitment in addition to renewed focus on worship,' Brigade Commander Col. Kevin Glasz wrote. 'I'd like to encourage you to learn just a little more about this religion, but more importantly, I'm asking you to be considerate and do not consume food or drink in front of our Muslim colleagues; it is a simple, yet respectful action.' During the month-long period known as Ramadan, Muslims refrain from eating or drinking during daylight hours. The brigade commander also provided a link to a website about Islam, and specifically Ramadan. Now that raised the ire of some of the officers and doctors training at the USU, and several of them reached out to me with their concerns—provided I not disclose their names. 'I respect the intention behind this email, but note that there is no similar call honoring other faiths,' one Marine told me. 'There is no similar invitation for non-Jewish colleagues to refrain from eating leavened products during Passover, or non-Christian colleagues to refrain from eating meat during Lent.' The entire incident smells of political correctness, the Marine told me. 'Our veterans have sacrificed too much blood, sweat and tears to have their own rights and freedoms be sacrificed on the altar of progressive political correctness,' the Marine said." (Troops are advised to use the "Ramadan Kareem" greeting during Ramadan—yet in December are expected to not use the words "Merry Christmas," to avoid offending Muslims.) [62295]

Obama announces additional sanctions against Russian banks and a shipbuilding company because of Russia's interference in Ukraine. He says, "Today, Russia is once again isolating itself from the international community, setting back decades of genuine process. ...It does not have to be this way. This is a choice that Russia and President Putin in particular have made." [62198]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports that California State Senate candidate Sandra Fluke, who famously complained that she could not afford contraceptives, "donated \$12,000 to her campaign and \$4,826.27 in non-monetary contributions. ...Fluke also loaned her campaign \$100,000. Where does a 2012 law school grad working as a social justice attorney get a loan that size? Her campaign never responded to a Washington Examiner inquiry, so we're left to speculate. Perhaps the loan was in part secured by the family of Fluke's husband, Adam Mutterperl. In 2012, Fluke married Mutterperl, an amateur stand-up comic and son of big-time Democratic donor William Mutterperl." [62199]

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency announces that it has found another cache of rockets at one of its schools in Gaza. (Breitbart.com notes, "The UN agency has a well-documented history of using their US taxpayer-funded facilities to promote anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda. It has in the past been accused of aiding and abetting radical Islamists in Gaza and elsewhere.") [62204]

While the Veterans Administration's hospitals seems to have too few people to treat—or even see—veterans, the Patent and Trademark Office has been paying paralegals millions of dollars to do nothing. According to WahsingtonTimes.com, "Dozens of employees working for [the] obscure federal agency went years with little work to do, allowing them to collect salaries and bonuses while they shopped online, caught up on chores, watched television or walked the dog, an investigation revealed Tuesday. The probe by the Commerce Department's inspector general found that paralegals at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's appeals board were paid more than \$5 million for their time even though there was so little work for them to do that supervisors didn't care how they used it. ...The review released Tuesday also found that some managers were fearful of antagonizing labor union officials, so efforts to assign 'special projects' to the paralegals were 'feeble, half-hearted and ineffective.'" [62214]

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) calls the Obama administration's roll back of sanctions on Iran a "disaster. It's not just an embarrassing diplomatic failure. This is a dangerous national security failure, in my opinion. ...They [Iran] wanted to achieve the maximum amount of sanctions relief that they could get without having to agree to any irreversible concessions on their nuclear program. ...There's only one reason you develop a [long-range] rocket like that, and that's to put a nuclear warhead on it. Let's not mention they're a state sponsor of terrorism. There's no nation on earth that uses terrorism more than they do as an element of statecraft. ...The only thing worse than a war is crazy people with a nuclear weapon that can reach the United States of America on a rocket. That's the only thing that's worse than a war with regard to this situation."

(FreeBeacon.com notes, "News broke earlier this month that nuclear talks were extended until November as the sides sought a more comprehensive deal. During that time,

however, the United States will give Iran access to another \$2.8 billion and have effectively conceded to Iran's demand to domestically enrich uranium." [62254, 62255]

Indiana Governor Mike Spence reports that he learned from the media that the Obama administration had dumped 245 illegal immigrant minors in his state: "Only after these media reports were published did the state receive notice from the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] that in fact 245 unaccompanied children had been placed in Indiana during the period from January 1, 2014 through July 7, 2014. ...The federal government has not dealt with the crisis in an effective or transparent way with regard to states. I have been informed that HHS will only provide monthly updated numbers of unaccompanied children placed in states during the first week of each month. This is unacceptable. ...What we are currently experiencing in Indiana and states across the nation as this crisis deepens, however, is neither sensible nor humane. States should not be asked by the federal government to deal with the consequences of a failed national immigration policy." (FoxNews.com reports that at least eight illegal immigrant minors have been flown to Hawaii, where Clare Hanusz, chairperson of Hawaii's chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, says, "We have lots of attorneys happy to take these cases pro bono if needed. If they cannot afford representation, we will definitely find someone to take the case." (Why Hanusz used the qualifier "if" is not clear.) [62224, 62225, 62368]

WesternJournalism.com posts a video taken by truck driver Travis Pope as he crossed the border from Mexico into the United States. The Border Patrol Agent asks, "How many people on board?" Driver: "Me." Agent: "U.S. citizen?" Driver: "Yeah, but does it really matter?" Agent: "Not anymore, unfortunately. Thank you." [62428, 62455]

At Breitbart.com Kristin Tate reports, "The Texas-based nonprofit Catholic Charities is currently seeking out foster families for the [illegal immigrant children], most of whom come from Central America. A spokeswoman for the organization told Breitbart Texas that foster families can receive monthly payments for housing adult immigrants who are under 23-years-old. ...The spokeswoman mentioned that foster families will be given \$40 per day to care for each migrant they take in from Catholic Charities. The assistance is funded by the federal government... Foster parents have the ability to collect more than \$7,400 per month, considering that they can house six immigrants at any given time. The spokeswoman said that the illegal immigrants are provided with taxpayer subsidized education, health care, transportation, and an 'allowance.' She was not specific about the amount of such an allowance or how often it is administered." [62240]

Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, who is challenging Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) for his Senate seat on November 4, tells reporters, "Obviously, Israel is one of our strongest allies in the Middle East, and she has the right to defend herself. But the loss of life, especially the innocent civilians in Gaza, is a tragedy. The Iron Dome has been a big reason why Israel has been able to withstand the terrorists that have tried to tunnel their way in. My hope is that a cease-fire can be structured. Ultimately, I think the long-term solution though is not one we can impose. It has to come from within. It's a

two-state solution between Israel and Palestine.” (Grimes does not explain how Israel’s Iron Dome missile defense system can stop terrorists from using tunnels.) [62259, 62263]

On *Special Report* Charles Krauthammer states, “...Obama is said to—or there are reports from the White House—that he’s going to do something by executive order about immigration. If he were to do something like legalize five [million]—let’s say half, which is what’s been talked about—huge numbers of illegal immigrants, to do it by executive order—which would be clearly lawless, and it would be the biggest [Constitutional] overreach... in memory—it would be an impeachable offense. I would be 100 percent against impeachment, because it’s political suicide. But it really would be the basis for that. That’s what I think the White House may actually be softening people up for: an executive order that reaches impeachable offensive, but it’s a way to—it’s like a preemptive strike.” (In other words, Obama has every intention of signing an executive order that will essentially grant amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants, and he knows it will result in talk of impeachment. In preparation, Obama and his team are intentionally talking about impeachment and ridiculing the action, partly as a way of forcing Republicans to deny they are considering it. After Obama grants amnesty—perhaps shortly after Labor Day—the GOP will be up in arms and will start talking seriously about impeachment. That is *precisely* what Obama wants, because it will encourage Democrats who might be inclined to stay home on election day to instead go to the polls and vote. Obama knows full well that the Democrats were saved from a disaster in the 1998 mid-term elections because of the House Republicans’ impeachment of Bill Clinton. Clinton weathered that storm, *and Obama believes he can as well*. Where a normal person would be embarrassed by an impeachment, Obama is shameless enough not to care—because he will have legalized millions of potential future Democrat voters.) [62207]

On July 30 House Republicans introduce legislation providing \$659 million for “border security, enforcement of immigration and customs laws, humanitarian assistance, and illegal immigration prevention.” The legislation would also provide \$400 to Customs and Immigration Enforcement, \$22 million for expedited court proceedings for illegal immigrants, and about \$200 million for the care of minors while they await processing. (Obama wants \$3.7 billion.) More importantly, the law would “require that all unaccompanied minors are treated the same as Mexicans for the purpose of removals. This would require unaccompanied children who do not wish to be voluntarily returned to their home country to remain in HHS custody while they await an expedited immigration court hearing(s).” (In other words, immigrants from Central America would not be set free and bused around the country; they would remain in custody or be deported.) Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) calls for the House bill to be combined with the Senate’s “gang of eight” immigration bill. (That is, Reid wants to take amnesty onto the House bill.) [62137, 62138]

Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) slams the GOP proposal, stating, “The Obama Administration has openly declared its plan to implement a unilateral executive amnesty for 5–6 million more illegal immigrants. This unlawful amnesty—urged on by congressional Democrats—would include work permits, taking jobs directly from

millions of struggling American citizens. Any action Congress might consider to address the current border crisis would be futile should the President go forward with these lawless actions. Congress must speak out and fight against them. It must use its spending power to stop the President's executive amnesty. That the House leaders' border package includes no language on executive actions is surrender to a lawless [Obama]. And it is a submission to the subordination of congressional power. After years of falling wages and rising joblessness, American workers are pleading for someone to hear them. How can it be that [Obama] is brazenly advertising that he will nullify and strip away American workers' immigration protections, and their own elected leaders will not rise to their defense? Or to the defense of our laws and our Constitutional order? There are other grave concerns with the Granger package as well: because it does not fix our asylum rules and loopholes, the end result of the additional judges and hearings will be more illegal immigrants gaining asylum and access to U.S. welfare. It is a plan for expedited asylum, not expedited removal. Nor will this package make [Obama] actively enforce anything, coming nowhere close to the kinds of reasonable enforcement activities needed to restore the interior application of our immigration laws. And finally, a package that is silent on blocking amnesty creates an opportunity for Senate Democrats to add elements of their party's open borders and mass immigration agenda. This legislation is unworthy of support." [62206]

Arguably, the House bill gives Obama most of what he wants. Although the \$659 million amount is less than the \$3.7 billion Obama has requested, the former amount covers only a short period of time and if it is later extended will give Obama \$3.7 billion. The legislation does *not* reverse Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which is essentially what caused the massive children-at-the-border problem in the first place. Further, the bill does not address the problem of illegal immigrants claiming persecution and asylum and then being allowed to remain in the United States by lenient judges. Sessions is correct; the legislation is "unworthy of support." [62228]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) states, "Senator Reid, embarrassed that he cannot strong-arm the Senate into passing the blank check ...Obama demanded, is making a deceitful and cynical attempt to derail the House's common-sense solution. So let me be as clear as I can be with Senator Reid: the House of Representatives will not take up the Senate immigration reform bill or accept it back from the Senate in any fashion. Nor will we accept any attempt to add any other comprehensive immigration reform bill or anything like it, including the DREAM Act, to the House's targeted legislation, which is meant to fix the actual problems causing the border crisis. Such measures have no place in the effort to solve this crisis, and any attempt to exploit this crisis by adding such measures will run into a brick wall in the People's House. While the White House has abandoned all pretense of governing and the Senate is doing almost nothing to address our struggling economy, Republicans remain committed to addressing the American people's priorities, and that includes passing a responsible bill this week to help secure our border and return these children safely to their home countries." [62137, 62138]

At WashingtonPost.com Jennifer Rubin writes, "Republicans should prepare a game plan, not merely rule out impeachment (which is [Obama's] fondest desire). For starters,

they and the GOP candidates for 2016 should make clear that any [amnesty-related] executive order will disappear at the end of Obama's term and any who step forward for exemptions now may be subject to deportation in 2-1/2 years. Harsh? No; it's a sensible deterrent to prevent widespread lawlessness. (The Democratic presidential nominee should be challenged on his or her own plans to rule by executive edict. Let Hillary Clinton try to win an electoral majority on a platform of executive imperialism.)” (Rubin's suggestion means the GOP can kiss good-bye many Hispanic votes, but they may be offset by the votes of non-Hispanics who do not support Obama's amnesty schemes.) [62267]

In an interview with Katie Couric, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg defends her minority vote in the Hobby Lobby decision, saying, “When you're part of a society, you can't separate yourself from the obligations that citizens have.” (From Ginsburg's perspective, citizens are *obligated* to pay for the abortifacients of other citizens.) “Contraceptive protection is something that every woman must have access to control her own destiny.” (Every woman—and man—also needs food, clothing, and shelter, but that does not mean one person has the right to force another to pay for it. Ginsburg does not point out where the right to have someone else pay for one's needs can be found in the U.S. Constitution.) Ginsburg also charges that male Justices are not capable of ruling on cases that involve the rights of women. (Couric does not ask Ginsburg why she did not make that case when *Roe v. Wade* was decided—by male Justices.) “I certainly respect the belief of the Hobby Lobby owners,” says Ginsburg. “On the other hand, they have no constitutional right to foist that belief on the hundreds and hundreds of women who work for them who don't share that belief. I had never seen the free exercise of religion clause interpreted in such a way.” (Hobby Lobby is not “foisting” its beliefs on anyone. It is not forcing its employees to be Christians, or telling them what medications they can or cannot use. It simply objects to paying for abortifacients. Its employees remain free to purchase them on their own; some are even available without a prescription.) [62427]

Congressman Dave Camp (R-MI), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, releases emails from former IRS official Lois Lerner in which she refers to Republicans as “assholes” and warns, “So we don't need to worry about alien terrorists [sic]. It's our own crazies that [sic; who] will take us down.” (According to DailyCaller.com, Lerner “is married to tax attorney Michael R. Miles, a partner at the law firm Sutherland Asbill & Brennan. ...The 400-attorney firm hosted an organizing meeting at its Atlanta office for people interested in helping with voter registration for the Obama re-election campaign.” One of the firm's partners was named an ambassador by Obama.) [44912, 44913, 62139, 62140, 62141, 62146, 62156, 62187, 62222, 62236, 62239, 62261]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “A joint investigation by the *Washington Examiner* and the nonprofit watchdog group Judicial Watch found that former President Clinton gave 215 speeches and earned \$48 million while his wife presided over U.S. foreign policy, raising questions about whether the Clintons fulfilled ethics agreements related to the Clinton Foundation during Hillary Clinton's tenure as secretary of state. According to documents obtained by Judicial Watch and released Wednesday in an ongoing Freedom of Information Act case, State Department officials charged with reviewing Bill Clinton's

proposed speeches did not object to a single one. Some of the speeches were delivered in global hotspots and were paid for by entities with business or policy interests in the U.S. ...[A]n inspection by the Examiner and Judicial Watch of donations to the Clinton Foundation, Hillary Clinton's personal financial disclosure forms, and the State Department conflict-of-interest reviews shows that at least \$48 million flowed to the Clintons' personal coffers from many entities that clearly had interests in influencing the Obama administration—and perhaps currying favor with a future president as well.” [62226, 62227, 62391]

Campaigning for his agenda in Kansas City, Missouri, Obama—using his phony, down south, black accent—jokingly calls on Republicans to “Come on and help out a little bit. Just, just come on. Come on and help out a little bit. Stop bein' [sic] mad all the time. Stop, stop, stop just, stop just hatin' [sic] all the time. Come on. ...Let's get some work done together.” (Obama consistently criticizes, ridicules, and mocks Republicans—and then expresses surprise that they are not eager to work with him and compromise.) [62174, 62186, 62216, 62256, 62258]

The government reports that the nation's Gross Domestic Product increased at an annual rate of four percent in the second quarter—a dramatic reversal of the 2.1 percent decrease in the first quarter. [62188]

The U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv cancels visa processing for Israelis. IsraelNationalNews.com notes that the embassy's statement “surfaces in the midst of both souring US-Israel relations and an already-pressured visa crisis, which has seen the visa process for Israelis grow more and more difficult over the past year.” (Earlier in the year it was reported that the rejection rate for Israelis visas had increased dramatically since Obama entered the White House.) The halting of visas comes just days after the Obama administration prohibited U.S. airlines from landing at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport. (Some might assume Obama is not particularly fond of Israel—although he is more than willing to accept their campaign donation checks.) [62246, 62247, 62248]

The House of Representatives votes 225–201 to authorize a lawsuit against Obama for exceeding his constitutional powers, in particular by issuing waivers of the ObamaCare employer mandate. (All House Democrats and five Republicans vote against the measure.) House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) states, “This isn't about Republicans and Democrats, it's about defending the Constitution that we swore an oath to uphold and acting decisively when it might be compromised. Are you willing to let any president choose what laws to execute and what laws to change?” House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) says, “Why would you sue somebody unless you want to prove something? And why would you go down that path unless you wanted to do something about it? Middle class families don't have time for the Republican partisan grudge match with [Obama].” [62174]

In opposition to the lawsuit authorization, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) says, “I ask my colleagues to oppose this resolution for it is in fact a veiled attempt at impeachment and it undermines the law that allows a president to do his job. A historical

fact: President Bush pushed this nation into a war that had little to do with apprehending terrorists. We did not seek an impeachment of President Bush, because as an executive, he had his authority. ...Obama has the authority [to change ObamaCare].” (Buzzfeed.com notes that Jackson Lee was a co-sponsor of 2008 legislation to impeach George W. Bush. PJMedia.com’s Dwayne Horner, who telephones her office to ask for an explanation of her inaccurate statement, reports, “I was transferred to a gentleman on Lee’s staff. When I... asked him about the contradiction and stated that perhaps I was confused, the man said ‘Oh look it here, we have one of those right wing, tea-bagger nut jobs on the phone taking his cues from FOX News. ...I doubt you even pay taxes and the IRS will find you soon enough.’”) [62238, 62313, 62402]

The House also votes 420–5 to approve legislation that is intended to overhaul the Department of Veterans Affairs—with about \$16.5 billion in additional spending. [62268]

At ThePostEmail.com Gerry Donaldson notes, “Since the fall of 2008, over 203,000 illegal aliens coming across the border into Texas have been booked into our country jails. These illegals accounted for over 3,000 homicides, virtually the same number that died in the World Trade Center on 9/11! Remember, this is only those killed in Texas!” Editor Sharon Rondeau reports, “A group calling itself ‘NYICE,’ and acronym for New Yorkers for Immigration Control and Enforcement,’ will be holding a protest in New York City this Saturday, August 2, against the illegal aliens admitted to the country by the tens of thousands by the Obama regime in recent months.” [62200, 62279]

According to a Tea Party Patriots poll of likely GOP voters conducted for Breitbart.com, “a majority of Republican voters [34.6 percent] think Republicans standing strong on immigration is more important than repealing Obamacare [23 percent], getting to the bottom of the Benghazi [2.8 percent] or IRS scandals [7.2 percent]—or anything else for that matter.” [62317]

In a Gallup poll, Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings are 39/55 percent. [62233, 62234]

Mosab Hassan Yousef, the son of Hamas founder Hassan Yousef, appears on Hannity and explains why he is opposed to his father’s organization: “Hamas movement is not a national movement and it’s not a humanitarian organization. Hamas is a terrorist organization with a humanitarian face to it. Hamas organization is simply a terrorist organization. She [House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who referred to Hamas as a “humanitarian organization”] simply does not care about the lives of Palestinians, she does not care about the lives of Israelis. ...This is the time to speak against them [Hamas] and to do everything I can to unmask their faces. Many Palestinians are suffering from Hamas and Israel is doing them the biggest favor by fighting against the Hamas organization. ...How many Gaza wars are we going to witness in the future if we don’t stop Hamas now? Israel is in the middle of the job. Let’s help them. Let’s support them [as they] disarm Hamas. Without disarming Hamas, Hamas will use children as shields, human shields in the future and there will be more wars. I’m asking [Obama]... we have responsibility, he has a responsibility.” [62235]

TimesofIsrael.com reports, “A former adviser to Iran’s defense minister said that Tehran would seek to arm Palestinians in the West Bank with ‘strategic weapons’ including missiles to target Tel Aviv and Haifa. Iranian researcher Amir Mousavi told Lebanon’s Mayadeen TV channel this week that ‘a major reshuffle awaits the region’ as ‘new and significant fronts will be opened all of a sudden, to support the Palestinian cause in the West Bank and Gaza.’ ‘A new front must be opened from the West Bank, after it has been armed, especially with missiles,’ Mousavi said in comments relayed by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), ‘because we know very well that the distance between the West Bank and Tel Aviv, Haifa, and other areas is much shorter than the distance from Gaza. Therefore, simple means are required. There is no need for long-range missiles. Short-range missiles can change the entire picture in the occupied lands.’ Mousavi added that Gaza would also receive increased military support from Iran.” [62252, 62253]

FreeBeacon.com reports on some of the upcoming job losses in the state of New York: “Newkirk Products, a publishing and printing company, will begin laying off some of its workers in October. ...[T]he company stated it would be relocating its ‘production operations only to Kansas City, Mo., and South Windsor, Ct.’ Kaye Scholer, a law firm, announced its ‘relocation of operations to Tallahassee’ ...on July 22. Twenty-nine workers at the law firm will be out of a job as of July 31. Numerous health care companies and hospitals in the past six weeks have announced layoffs. They include Eastern Niagara Hospital-Western Region, which is cutting inpatient care at its hospital. Its notice shows 185 workers will be laid off. The TLC Health Network/Lake Shore Health Care Center is potentially closing... A total of 438 employees could lose their jobs by the end of August. SUNY Downstate Medical Center in its amended filing announced 485 employees were laid off between June 26 and July 9. Another company, Jamaica-based Swissport USA, will lay off a total of 180 workers on Sep. 5. The cargo handling company cited ‘economic’ as the reason for its dislocation. New York is also losing hundreds of jobs as ConAgra Foods closes its plant. ...[T]he company said it will lay off its 395 workers between Oct. 3 and the end of February 2015. The company also cited ‘economic’ as the reason behind its decision to close its Fredonia plant. Two of the company’s other plants in Dunkirk will also be affected. The shoe manufacturer P.W. Minor & Sons based in Batavia will close on Sep. 1. Seventy-two employees will be affected. In mid-September, a total of 239 workers at Stop and Shop Supermarket will be out of work. According to that company’s notice, the workers will be laid off on Sep. 15. It also cited ‘economic’ as the reason for its mass layoff. Auburn-based Daikin Applied is now in the second phase of its plant closing due to economic reasons. The air conditioning manufacturing company will be laying off some workers on Oct. 12 and layoffs will continue through December 2015. Daikin employs a total of 425 people.” [62281]

On July 31 former Congressman Allen West (R-FL) appears on *Fox & Friends* and calls it an injustice that “we’re handing out pink slips to our combat leaders who are still there in Afghanistan but we cannot hand out pink slips to any of the managers and officials that are in charge in the Veterans Administration and have the blood of our veterans on our

hands. ... We are allowing all of these individuals to include MS-13 [gang] members to come across our border but we can't bring our own Marine Sergeant Andrew Tahmoore across that border back home. ... This is a powder keg that is building up in the military community. ... If we don't do the right thing and charge Bowe Bergdahl as a deserter, which I think the administration is trying to sneak past us and classify him as a POW, [and] he gets \$350,000 in taxpayer money, I think that might be the fuse." [62270]

The Associated Press reports, "The State Department has endorsed the broad conclusions of a harshly critical Senate report on the CIA's interrogation and detention practices after the 9/11 attacks, a report that accuses the agency of brutally treating terror suspects and misleading Congress, according to a White House document. ... The Senate report concludes that CIA's techniques on al-Qaida detainees captured after the 2001 attacks were far more brutal than previously understood. The tactics failed to produce life-saving intelligence, the report asserts, and the CIA misled Congress and the Justice Department about the interrogation program. The report does not draw the legal conclusion that the CIA's actions constituted torture, though it makes clear that in some cases they amounted to torture by a common definition, two people who have read the report said. ... Those methods included slapping, humiliation, exposure to cold, sleep deprivation and the near-drowning technique known as waterboarding. ... The document also sheds new light on what the Senate report says about the State Department's role in the CIA interrogation program. It concludes that the agency initially kept the secretary of state [then-Secretary Colin Powell] and some U.S. ambassadors in the dark about harsh techniques and secret prisons, according to the document. The report also says some ambassadors who were informed about interrogations of al-Qaida detainees at so-called black sites in their countries were instructed not to tell their superiors at the State Department, the document says." [62211, 62212, 62213]

The White House inadvertently emails to an Associated Press reporter the "talking points" prepared for government officials when questioned about the report on the CIA interrogation program. The talking points include: "The 9/11 attacks presented a threat to the security of the American people that was unprecedented in our history. Our government and people responded to that threat in ways that were mostly smart, principled and effective. But we also made mistakes that we must acknowledge, learn from, and never repeat—including the use of interrogation techniques that were contrary to our values and traditions." "The fundamental facts about this program have been known for some time. The U.S. government is committed to transparency and has released much of this information to the public before. This report adds additional details which confirm the wisdom of our national decision not to use such interrogation methods again." "The report may not settle every debate: there may still be disagreement in our society about some aspects of what happened. But the report leaves no doubt that the methods used to extract information from some terrorist suspects caused profound pain, suffering and humiliation. It also leaves no doubt that the harm caused by the use of these techniques outweighed any potential benefit." "This report tells a story of which no American is proud. But it is also part of another story of which we can be proud. America's democratic system worked just as it was designed to work in bringing an end to actions inconsistent with our democratic values." [62211, 62212, 62213]

The Obama administration criticizes Israel for the shelling of a school in Gaza—without first bothering to verify whether the rockets were from Israel or Hamas, or whether the school was used by Hamas as a military installation. White House press secretary John Earnest tells reporters Israel’s actions are “indefensible” and the Jewish state “can and should do more to protect the lives of innocent civilians.” (Earnest does not explain to reporters how Israel should accomplish that. Nor does he mention that far more civilians were killed in Iraq and Afghanistan by U.S. military actions.) [62290]

Pamela Geller comments, “It’s as if Obama is laying in wait—waiting for a rocket gone wrong, an op gone bad, something, anything, to attack the Jews with. Obama’s attacks on Israel are ‘indefensible.’ How many deaths has this monster [Obama] caused in Libya, Egypt, Syria, Iraq? Everybody knows that Israel is turning itself inside out to avoid civilian deaths—a civilian population that elected Hamas, no less. This is war. War is hell. Things happen. A perfect war—is that the standard Israel is supposed to adhere to? And what is that, anyway? Indefensible is UN schools stockpiling rockets. Indefensible is Hamas setting up bases in hospitals. Indefensible is Hamas beating civilians trying to leave their homes after the IDF warns them. Indefensible is the terror tunnels. Indefensible is the 50 million Obama just sent to Hamas. Indefensible is raining rockets on population centers. Indefensible is storing missiles in mosques.” It is Obama, writes Geller, who is “indefensible.” [62291]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, “New details have emerged about the booby-trapped clinic explosion that killed three IDF Maglan unit soldiers in Gaza earlier this week... Over eighty kilograms of explosives were built into the UN-funded hospital’s walls themselves... revealing that the clinic itself was built to mask, and perform, potential acts of terror on the IDF. Moreover, the clinic was built over tens of terror tunnels, according to the report. The UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) has yet to respond to the revelations, and has still not responded to the deaths of the Israeli soldiers Wednesday. On Tuesday, Hamas and Islamic Jihad rocket arsenals were found in a UNRWA school for the third time this month. After the first finding of rockets at an UNRWA school, it was reported that rather than destroying the rockets, UNRWA workers called Hamas to come remove them. While it would not comment on the deaths of the three soldiers, UNRWA was quick to place blame on Israel for a rocket strike on one of their schools in Gaza. The UN agency also immediately blamed Israel for a strike on Gaza’s Shifa hospital, resulting in the deaths of over a dozen Gazans. It was later revealed that in all likelihood, a misfired Hamas Fajr-5 Iranian-made 100 kg warhead destined for Israel had struck the hospital.” [62292, 63393]

Israeli soldiers find two access shafts to terrorist tunnels in a mosque in Gaza. [62294]

Due to a lack of votes, House leadership pulls its so-called “border security” bill, almost eliminating the possibility of a vote before Congress leaves for its August recess. Republican leaders issue a statement: “This situation shows the intense concern within our conference—and among the American people—about the need to ensure the security of our borders [Obama’s] refusal to faithfully execute our laws. There are numerous steps

[Obama] can and should be taking right now, without the need for congressional action, to secure our borders and ensure these children are returned swiftly and safely to their countries.” (By not passing legislation—even though it would not have been passed by the Senate or signed by Obama anyway—the Republicans have handed Obama and the Democrats an opportunity to criticize them for inaction.) [62230, 62271, 62273, 62274, 62320, 62324]

“Hispandering” Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) states, “I guess it is harder to take candy from children than they thought. The Republicans planned to pass a bill to deport children quickly and take away protections from deportation that the president extended to children raised in the U.S., but it didn’t work out as planned. They just couldn’t go far enough over the anti-immigrant ledge to satisfy enough of the GOP conference to get a majority. The number of kids who have come to this country from Central America fleeing violence could all fit in Soldier Field with room to spare, yet about 60,000 kids have made adult American legislators lose their marbles. They could not agree on how to deport them fast enough and the Democrats were not going to let a decade or more of progress in improving our asylum and human trafficking laws get thrown out for election year politics.” (Like many leftists, Gutierrez is unable to comprehend that one can support legal immigration and not support illegal immigration at the same time, and that does not make one a racist.) [62324]

HotAir.com reports, “Moner Mohammad Abusalha, or Abu Hurayra al-Amriki if you prefer his nom de guerre, has the distinction of being the first American national to blow himself up in the name of Islamic jihad. Abusalha, 22, trained for weeks with the Syrian al-Nusra Front, a Syrian opposition militant organization publicly allied with al-Qaeda. On May 25, the American jihadist took a truck laden with explosives and drove it to a Syrian army base in Jabal al-Arbaeen where he detonated that device. Abusalha was just one of several Americans believed to be fighting in the Middle East with a number of fundamentalist militant groups, but he enjoys another distinction that *The New York Times* revealed on Wednesday: the aspiring American suicide bomber and committed jihadist also managed to travel from that volatile region to the United States undetected. *The Times* reassures its readers by noting that Abusalha fortunately ‘chose to carry out his attack in Syria rather than the United States,’ which is nice. But the fact that this American citizen who went to school in the United States was able to train with Syrian militants and travel back to the United States without alerting the authorities is... troubling. ...Intelligence experts’ public estimates suggest that there are between 2,000 and 3,000 Western nationals and Americans fighting with rebels in Iraq and Syria. In May, *The Times* warned that over 70 Americans were thought to have traveled to Syria to train with jihadists to carry out attacks. And now we know that they can, if they like, travel freely to and from the United States. Sleep well!” [62262, 62341, 62342]

In a 31-minute video, Al-Amriki tears and burns his U.S. passport and promotes jihad and martyrdom, and talks about paradise after death. He says of his life in the United States, “I was never happy,” was “always sad and depressed,” and “life sucked. ...All you do [in the United States] is work 40, 50, 60 hours a week, and then you go waste it on garbage...” Addressing Obama, Al-Amriki says, “We are coming for you... mark my

words... you big kuffar [non-believer]... You think that you've won, you've never won. You will never defeat Islam, you, [George W.] Bush, [or] any of your kuffar leaders. ...Islam is coming, and will dominate over you... we will come with AK[47s], we will come with our bombs... we have small weapons but we will take you down... we have hearts of lions. And you are scared of death, while we love death..." [62342]

According to an Associated Press poll, Obama's approval/disapproval ratings on the issue of illegal immigration are 30/67. By four points, Americans trust Republicans more than Democrats to deal with the issue. (Even MSNBC leftist Ed Schultz sees the danger in Obama's immigration actions. On July 29 he told his viewers, " Hold the phone—this would be a mistake if [Obama] were to do this [grant work permits to millions of illegal immigrants]. Politically, there is no way Democrats can go home and campaign on across-the-board amnesty for millions of undocumented workers... it could be an electoral death knell for the Democrats. ...I think that handing out permits for [foreign] workers to compete against legal workers in America is a bad idea [and] I don't think the American people would float with that at all. I do believe that if [Obama] starts arbitrarily handing out work permits, it is going to create more problems than it is going to solve [and] it is going to give the right wing more ammunition against Democrats who, right now I believe, have the wind at their back as they go home in August. The Brits don't just hand out work permits, the Germans don't do it. I can tell you the Canadians don't do it, the Japanese don't do it... They don't do that and I think [Obama] would create a great deal of rift within the Democratic Party. I don't think that's a political winner for the Democrats." DailyCaller.com observes, "But the White House may not be focused on the Senate's elections this year. Instead, Obama may be using the pending amnesty to create a emotional wedge issue that helps the Democratic president candidate win Latino votes in 2016.") [62233, 62237, 62266]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, "Thanks to a Freedom of Information Act Lawsuit pursued against the Department of Justice [DOJ] by government watchdog Judicial Watch, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has ruled documents being withheld from Congress under ...Obama's claim of executive privilege must be turned over. Obama made the claim on the same day Attorney General Eric Holder was voted in criminal and civil contempt of Congress in June 2012. 'This order forces the Obama DOJ, for the first time, to provide a detailed listing of all documents that it has withheld from Congress and the American people for years about the deadly Fast and Furious gun running scandal,' Judicial Watch released in a statement. The FOIA lawsuit has been ongoing for 16-months and is now proceeding after a lengthy delay. The Justice Department originally asked the court for an indefinite hold on a FOIA request from Judicial Watch, citing executive privilege and an ongoing investigation. That indefinite hold request was shot down more than a year ago. The documentation DOJ is required to now turn over is [an index] of 'all requested Fast and Furious materials from a June 2012 Judicial Watch FOIA request.'" (The DOJ must explain, *for each document*, why it is exempt from disclosure. Of course, the Obama administration can be expected to take as much time as it can to prepare the index.) [62231, 62278, 62309]

The Associated Press reports, "CIA officers improperly accessed Senate computers, read

the emails of Senate staff, and exhibited a ‘lack of candor’ when interviewed by agency investigators, according to a declassified CIA inspector general’s report. The document, released Thursday by the CIA, is a summary of an internal CIA investigation that prompted CIA Director John Brennan to abandon his defiant posture in the matter and apologize to Senate Intelligence Committee leaders.” HotAir.com adds, “A statement from Brennan’s office released on Thursday confessed that CIA operatives ‘acted in a manner inconsistent with the common understanding’ between Congress and the spy agency. The statement offered congressional investigators an apology for the offense, but that was not good enough for Sen. Mark Udall (D-CO). ‘From the unprecedented hacking of congressional staff computers and continued leaks undermining the Senate Intelligence Committee’s investigation of the CIA’s detention and interrogation program to his abject failure to acknowledge any wrongdoing by the agency, I have lost confidence in John Brennan,’ Udall said in a statement released on Thursday. Later, Udall called for Brennan to resign his post. ‘CIA needs to acknowledge wrongdoing,’ the Centennial State senator said, ‘that simply hasn’t occurred under Brennan’s leadership.’” [62232, 62322, 62408, 62467]

Long-time *Timeline* readers are well aware of John Brennan’s history of corruption, lying, absurd statements, and career advancement via “kissing behinds.” He should not be allowed anywhere near a government office, let alone the CIA. It is worth reminding readers, however, that Brennan headed the security firm that was involved in the March 2008 breach of Obama’s passport file. A Brennan employee reportedly accessed Obama’s file to cleanse it of incriminating or damaging information. (Coincidental attempts to access the passport files of Hillary Clinton and John McCain were intended solely to confuse any investigation.) Passport files not only contain information about the travels of the document-holder, they may also include copies of birth certificates or naturalization documents that Obama would not want made public if they show he is not a natural born citizen. A 104-page report of the investigation of the security breach, marked “Sensitive but Unclassified,” is heavily redacted and includes multiple pages blacked out to hide all information. Brennan may very well have gotten the CIA post because he “knew where Obama’s bodies were buried.” [807, 8838, 9134]

The New York Times also calls for Brennan’s resignation, writing, “...Congress is supposed to oversee the intelligence community and rein in its excesses. It cannot possibly do so effectively if it is being spied on by the spy agency, which is supposed to be directing its efforts against foreign terrorists and other threats to national security. ...In an extraordinary speech on the Senate floor in March, [Senator Dianne] Feinstein [D-CA] accused the agency of having ‘undermined the constitutional framework essential to effective congressional oversight of intelligence activities or any other government function.’ The institutional affront even drew Republican criticism. [The *Times* does not explain why it is surprised that ‘even’ Republican senators also do not like being spied upon.] If the charge was true, said Senator Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, ‘heads should roll, and people should go to jail.’ One of those heads may need to be Mr. Brennan’s. If he knew about the break-in, then he blatantly lied. If he did not, then apparently he was unaware of the lawless culture that has festered within the C.I.A. since the moment it was encouraged by George W. Bush and Dick Cheney to torture

suspects and then lie about it. That recklessness extended to the point where agency officials thought nothing of burglarizing their own overseer. Senator Mark Udall of Colorado said the action was illegal and required the resignation of Mr. Brennan. The C.I.A. needs far more than a few quiet personnel changes, however. Its very core, and basic culture, needs a thorough overhaul.” [62408, 62409]

Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings are a dismal 36/59 percent in a Quinnipiac poll of Ohio voters.

Although it is no surprise that Bill and Hillary Clinton would not be pleased with several recent books that are critical of them, their response seems to indicate they have never heard of the First Amendment: “Their [the authors’] behavior should neither be allowed nor enabled, and legitimate media outlets who know with every fiber of their being that this is complete crap should know not to get down in the gutter with them and spread their lies. But if anyone isn’t sure, let’s strap all three to a polygraph machine on live TV and let the needle tell the truth.” (For a book *not to be allowed* is, of course, censorship. HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey asks, “What authority do the Clintons propose to stop political speech? This isn’t just an academic question or a poke at an off-the-cuff gaffe. Citizens United had to go all the way to the Supreme Court to be allowed to publish criticism of Hillary Clinton in the 2008 election cycle after having run afoul of absurd and unconstitutional campaign-finance regulations. Democrats howled at the Citizens United decision and promised to reverse it with more legislation, even after the Supreme Court pointed out that one outcome of the law could be to ban books like those from both Kleins [Aaron and Ed], [Daniel] Halper, and [Ronald] Kessler. Barack Obama scolded the court during a State of the Union address for protecting free political speech. Perhaps we should strap the Clintons to a polygraph machine and ask what they have in mind from their prepared statement that demands that authors not be allowed to write political books about public figures. It might be rather enlightening.”) [62260, 62472]

The Wisconsin Supreme Court upholds the state’s controversial collective bargaining law that limited labor union power over state employees, and also upholds its voter photo ID law. [62272, 62275, 62318]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, “Customs officials at southern Israel’s Ashdod port discovered hundreds of ball-bearings and cement mixers in a Turkish shipment of ‘humanitarian aid’ to Gaza on Wednesday, raising fears the cargo could have been used by Hamas to support its ongoing war against Israel, according to Channel Two. While both items have civilian uses, both have played a central role building Hamas’s rocket arsenal and its vast network of ‘terror tunnels’ into Israel. Terrorists in Gaza regularly use ball-bearings to maximize the lethality of locally-made, short-range Qassam rockets. Unlike other, more powerful long-range rockets and military-grade mortar shells smuggled into Gaza from state-sponsors such as Iran, Qassam rockets have a relatively small warhead. But while the explosion itself may be relatively ‘small,’ the rockets are also packed with shrapnel—including nails, razors and, most commonly, ball-bearings—which are scattered throughout a relatively wide radius upon impact, maiming or killing anyone in the vicinity. The co-opting of hundreds of tons of concrete supplies by Hamas

to build its underground tunnel network, used to store and transport weapons as well as carry out attacks inside Israel, has also been well-documented.” [62282, 62283]

Algemeiner.com reports, “A Spanish journalist told Israeli filmmaker Michael Grynszpan that the reason television news does not broadcast images of Hamas fighters in action is because of fear of immediate execution.” (Media reports from Palestinian areas are heavily controlled and orchestrated. Reporters are shown what Hamas and Hezbollah want them to see, and no more. Victimless ambulances are lined up and sitting idle, ready to turn on their sirens and speed off only when the cameras are focused on them. This does not mean there are no civilian casualties, of course, but their true numbers are never known because the western media simply repeats what Hamas tells them.) [62372]

Israel and Hamas agree to a 72-hour unconditional, humanitarian cease fire, beginning at 8:00 a.m. on August 1. [62296, 62468]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plummets 317 points, to 16,563, wiping out all of the year’s gains. The S&P falls 39.7 points; Nasdaq falls 93.1 points. [62276, 62331]

The Department of Labor reports that 302,000 Americans filed for first-time unemployment benefits in the week ending July 26, up from 279,000 in the prior week. [62276]

WesternJournalism.com reports, “A pair of documentary filmmakers have reportedly been working on a project detailing the struggle illegals face in coming to the U.S., as well as the impact this constant flow of intruders is having on American citizens. In researching the new documentary, Luke and Jo Anne Livingston say they have spoken to numerous illegals to gain a firsthand perspective of the ongoing border crisis. ... ‘Luke spent 8 days on the border,’ [Jo Anne] wrote. ‘We talked to a doctor about the diseases coming in unchecked by any medical personnel.’ Livingston asserted that she actually read proposed legislation that would strip judges from issuing any penalties to illegals who refuse to show up for immigration hearings. ‘The judge can only set another hearing and another hearing and another hearing,’ she wrote, ‘into infinity.’ Perhaps the most outrageous claim in her post alleges that pro-amnesty Democrats are exploiting illegals to perpetuate widespread voter fraud. Livingston wrote that, prior to the 2012 presidential election, ‘the illegals were handed voter registrations and told they would be sent to states with NO ID check for voting.’ Upon receipt of the document, she insists aliens were told that, if they ‘did not show up and vote the democratic ticket, they would be arrested and deported.’ This astoundingly bold move, she concluded, was used time and again to stack the electoral deck against Republicans in the election. ‘We have turned over every rock investigating this stuff and have witness after witness after witness testifying this to it... Pay attention AMERICA!’” [62777]

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) writes, “This past weekend I did what ... Obama refused to do during his recent trip to Texas—I visited the U.S-Mexico border. I knew that the border crisis was serious, but nothing could have prepared me for just how bad this situation truly is. ... What we saw was people processing, not border

security. Americans would be shocked to learn that virtually no one is stopped before gaining entrance. When a foreign national illegally enters the United States, they are taken to a processing facility, where it is determined whether or not they get to stay in the country. While the popular media narrative has been to focus on the children who came here alone, it is only a small fraction of the growing problem along the southern border. My heart breaks for the unaccompanied children, but officials told us that 80 percent of the people entering the country illegally are not women and children—they are males over the age of 14. It is this latter group that is the source of much of the incoming violence, particularly with their increasing involvement in drug cartels and transnational gangs such as MS-13. These organizations profit from exploiting innocent people desperate for a better life into paying thousands of dollars to be transported into the United States. MS-13 is a brutal international gang with more than 50,000 members—with thousands of members throughout the United States. This ugly and dangerous business has fueled violence on both sides of the border. ...The United States is proudly a nation of immigrants that welcomes with open arms more legal immigrants than the entire world combined. But they must come through the legal channels. It's time that we start sending a message that the rule of law matters and illegal behavior will not be rewarded." [62304]

At South Carolina's CoastalObserver.com Charles Swenson writes, "When Waccamaw Middle School students began a campaign to raise money to send a World War II veteran on the region's final Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., they turned to the kitchen. They baked cupcakes and cookies and sold them at lunch as part of the effort that raised \$2,500 in just over three weeks. This year, that strategy won't fly. Federal nutrition standards that took effect this month limit the calories, sodium, fat and sugar content of food sold in schools as snacks and as fundraisers. 'It's going to be devastating,' Georgetown County School Superintendent Randy Dozier said. The district has circulated information about the new standards to principals. 'It's definitely going to hurt fundraising,' said Tim Carnahan, principal of Waccamaw Intermediate School. ...The standards are part of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act that has changed the menus in school cafeterias. 'They changed the menu so that it isn't as attractive to kids,' Dozier said. The district's cafeteria managers have continued to come up with new recipes to make the healthier ingredients more appealing. ...Eat Smart, Move More, a nonprofit that focuses on obesity in South Carolina, has been fielding calls about the Smart Snack rules for weeks, said Coleman Tanner, its community coordinator. 'One of the biggest questions we get is about fundraising,' she said. 'That's where most of the push-back comes from.' The nonprofit points to districts in Clarendon and Anderson counties that moved away from food-based fundraisers long before the new standards. 'There are a lot of alternatives,' Tanner said. Book fairs, plants, greeting cards and wrapping paper are among them. Waccamaw Intermediate held a jog-a-thon benefit last year. Carnahan expects there will be more events along those lines. 'It's going to have an impact on fundraising. Whether it's going to be a financial impact depends on what we find to replace it,' he said." [62474]